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To

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Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

S.B.A. *No.* 24/41 *dated* 16th June *1941*.

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract No.24/41, ~~for~~ in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 14th June 1941.

I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

....**District.**

For week ending 14th June 1941

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City.

A telegram was sent to ~~the~~ Mr. Gandhi on the 5th June from the Congress Office regarding the appointment of the two non-official ministers. His reply is awaited.

The Mysore Congress have issued bulletin No. I containing their activities from April 1941 up to date.

Mr. Gudibanda S. Rama Rao of the VIII Ward Congress Committee intends organising a political discussion group on the lines of the "Gokhale Political Study Group."

In the Congress Office, Messrs. N.C. Thimma Reddy, K.T. Bhashyam, S. Nijalingappa and some others discussed the programme of carrying on propaganda work protesting against the present appointments of the non-official ministers ~~of~~ and the President of the Legislative Council. Mr. Nijalingappa is understood to have suggested the organisation of a Volunteer Corps as it was likely that they may have to start another Sathyagraha shortly.

Mysore District.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress met in the house of Mr. S. Channiah, at Nazarbad, Mysore on the 8th instant. They resolved to hold the next session of the All Mysore Congress Committee in Kolar District during the first week of July next. By another resolution they decided to take necessary and suitable action regarding the Constructive programme. They had a heated discussion over the appointment of non-official ministers and decided to stage a "Walk Out" on the opening day of the Assembly to show their dissatisfaction in this connection.

The statement issued by the Working Committee alleged that the Government resorted to crush the Congress and the electioneering machinery and that inspite of this, their return in large numbers to the Legislature was a matter of recent history. The Government, it is further said, has been following the same old policy, ignoring the Congress, mustering anti-congress elements and relying upon reactionary forces. The attitude of the Government in the matter of choice of non-official Ministers and the President of the Legislative Council is said to have caused immense dissatisfaction and indignation among them and was in utter disregard of public opinion and that this attitude further confirmed the view held about the hollowness and illusory character of the Reforms. The Government of His Highness, it is alleged, proclaimed its faith in Democracy in words, but denied in practice. Concluding, it is observed that the people have no confidence in the present system of administration and that there could be no contentment or satisfaction in the country unless and until the present system of administration was replaced by Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja.

On the Opening Day, the Congress members of the Representative Assembly who arrived at the Jagan Mohan Palace, remained at the tent in the compound till the

Dewan's speech was over and thereafter immediately entered the Assembly Hall headed by their leader, Mr. K. Chengal raya Reddi and took part in the proceedings. All of them had appeared in their party dress. The members held party meetings for 1 or 2 days in the premises of the College Hostel and discussed about the subjects relating to the agenda of the Representative Assembly.

There appears to be a move to organise a "Walk Out" on one of these days before the termination of the Assembly Session in order to show their dissatisfaction at the New Reforms and the appointment of two non-official Ministers.

Printed leaflets under the caption "ನಾವು ಕರಂಡಿಕಾಲೇನು" issued by J. Swami Doss and E. Pushpam of Mysore were distributed in Mysore on the 10th instant. They contained criticisms on the principles of nomination to the Legislatures comparing the defeated candidates who have been nominated to those of the failed students in the Public Examinations who might be made eligible for promotion to the next higher classes.

Printed leaflets under the caption "A great handicap to minorities - The first injustice done by the new Government of Mysore," were distributed at the Jagan Mohan Palace Pavillion on the 11th instant by K. Ramalingachari of Kyalanur, Kolar District, purporting to contain an appeal to the Government and Public Representatives about the uplift of the minority communities and criticisms on the policy of the Government.

Shimoga District:

At a private meeting of the District Congressites held at Shimoga on 7-6-41 they are understood to have resolved to request the Congress members of the Legislatures to contribute at Rs.5/- each from their Travelling Allowance.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Under the presidentship of Mr. S. Rangaramiah, an election propaganda meeting was held on the 10th instant at Kalkunike of Hunsur Taluk at which Messrs. Bhadrappa and T. Siddalingiah, criticised the administration in their usual style and exhorted the audience to vote for the Congress candidates in the ensuing Municipal elections.

In connection with the inauguration of the Municipal election campaign at Bhadravathi, a public meeting was held on the 5th instant presided over by Mr. H. Siddiah. Including the president, Messrs. Y. Parthanarayana Pandit and S.V. Krishna Murthi addressed the gathering exhorting them to vote for congress candidates.

Messrs. V.V. Iyer, Channagiri Thimmiah and Baba Sab (Independent candidates) who were also present at the same place during the meeting, also delivered short speeches. Mr. Thimmiah put a number of questions to the Congress speakers and heckled them.

A series of public meetings were held in Chintamani on the 4th instant in connection with the Municipal elections. Messrs. K. Pattabhiraman, T. Ramachar, N.C. Thimma Reddy and Sampangi Ramiah, in their usual style criticised the administration among other matters.

HINDU MAHASABHA.

Shimoga District:

At a private meeting of the above Sabha

held at Shimoga on the 5th instant under the presidentship of Mr. S.R. Ramiah Setty, certificates were distributed among the volunteers who rendered service during the last conference held in April.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Bangalore City:

Mr. M.A. Jinnah arrived in Bangalore on the 7th instant and stayed at the C & M Station as the guest of Mr. Rasheed. The next day he was taken in procession from the Mysore Bank Square to Jamia Mosque Site where he addressed a large gathering consisting mostly of Mohammedens. The next day he left for Bombay.

The members of the Mysore State Muslim League presented a welcome address to Mr. Jinnah. Among other matters they have referred to the extension of the principle of separate electorates to the Local Bodies, and adequate representation in services and other demands of their community that are yet to be considered by the Government. In his reply, Mr. Jinnah while praying a glowing tribute to His Highness the Maharaja, referred to the appointment of a Muslim Minister and hoped that the latter would see that justice and fairplay are done to the Muslims. He wanted the Muslims to work in co-operation and concentrate their activities towards the improvement of their community in several aspects.

Shimoga District:

At a private meeting of the local Muslim League on the 9th instant, telegrams sent congratulating Messrs. Mohammad Imam, H.B. Gundappa Gowda and D.H. Chandrasekhariah, were recorded. About 225 persons are reported to have been enrolled as members so far.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

The Mysore & the Minerva Mills and the Textile Labour Union.

The efforts of some of the workers of the above mills to bring about a settlement appear to have proved futile. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is said to be very particular of reconsidering the case of dismissed worker Lingiah. He wants that the Government should at least promise an enquiry in this behalf. He told some people of the Labour Union recently that hereafter he would be free to address them at the open meetings.

The Management of the Binny's Mills warned some of the workers of the Mysore and Minerva Mills not to collect subscriptions inside the Mill premises. Hand-bills are circulated appealing to the Binny's Mill workers to subscribe at least a day's wages each, towards their relief.

The Working Committee of the Bangalore Textile Labour Union resolved at their last meeting on the 1st instant that the report of enquiry by the Enquiry Officer should be published with the order of Government thereon. Hand-bills were also distributed in the same connection.

The daily meetings of workmen continued to be held as in the previous week, at which Messrs. Venkatesh, Muniswamy, Sanjivappa, Kasim, Ramiah, Puttashankarappa, Chengalaradhya and some others addressed the gatherings. Chengalaradhya was of opinion that if the management or an independent person should enquire into the case of

Lingiah, then all the strikers would resume work. Puttashankarappa urged for the contribution of a day's wages by the workers of the Binny's Mills which was as important a duty as their contribution to the war fund, by purchasing tickets for a Drama performance.

The strike situation continues. A sum of Rs.100/- was paid from the Union funds towards the relief of the strikers on the 7th instant and about 1800 labourers of both the Mills drew their wages on the 11th instant.

Mysore District:

About 24 scavengers of Hunsur Municipality did not turn up for work as the Municipal authorities fined some of them for not having turned up for work. Subsequently some of them returned for work while some were dismissed. The situation is peaceful.

Kolar Gold Fields:

The statement of the Superintendent of the Champion Reef Mine regarding the declaration of bonus is reported to have been misinterpreted. The manuscript Tamil notice dated 7-6-41 pasted near the Tea Shop, Champion Reef while referring to this matter, further disclosed that if proper bonus was not given for 8 or 9 days' work (instead of 10 days) on the 12th instant, the labourers would take further action as per instructions from Mr. Sharma.

The Committee members of the Mysore Mine led by Mr G. Narayanaswamy are understood to be advising the labourers not to spend the money they receive on the 12th instant but reserve the same for emergencies.

On the 8th instant some Adidravidas of Oorgaum and Champion Reef Mines celebrated the "Untouchability Day" otherwise called "Udaya Surya Day". In this connection they conducted a Bhajana Party and a public meeting in both the Mines organised by V.P. Raju and G.C. Ganapathi. Messrs. G.R. Sekharan, M.C. Dorai, Ghanamanikyam. J.P. Varadarajan and T. Muniswami addressed the audience on the necessity of their unity and referred to the facilities, etc., they are afforded at present by the Mining authorities and the Government. As many as 15 resolutions were passed and copies thereof were forwarded to H.E. the Viceroy, H.E. the Governor of Madras and Dewan Bahadaur R. Srinivasan. (For resolutions vide Annexure.)

Naranaswamy and some other committee members of the Labour Union (Mysore Mines) being dissatisfied with the above function and fearing that there would be a split among the labourers at present had got Tamil notices printed appealing for unity. These were not, however, distributed.

K.C. Phillips is reported to have gone to Madras. The Beedy Factory is learnt to be not working properly at Kuppam and that the common mess was also stopped for want of funds. Lakshmana Modaliar is however, staying at Kuppam.

In connection with the assault on one Muniswamy, by Maistry Anthoni on the 9th instant, Mr. Castle of the Oorgaum Mine fained both of them Rs.5/- each. The Superintendent warned Mr. Norris who threw his hat on the head of Chinnappan, a Cooly who was found to be sleepy. Some other minor complaints are being attended to and the parties pacified.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

Shimoga District: The conduct of Mr. Ruknuddin Salik, Urdu Munshi, Government High School, Hassan, who is frequenting Shimoga and evincing keen interest in the subversive activities of the Muslim League has been brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga, for moving the Departmental authorities to take suitable action.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

(EXTERNEES)

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore has prohibited the entry of the marginally* noted externees into C & M Station area, Bangalore, under Cl.(c) of Sub rule (1) of Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules (Order No.F.80/1941 dated 2-6-1941) with a view to preventing them from acting in a manner prejudicial to His Majesty's relations with the Indian State of Mysore.

It is since reported that Serial numbers 1 & 2 have been served with the copy of the orders. Action is being taken to serve the orders on the rest.

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Bangalore,)
Dated 15-6-41.)

ABDUL LATIFF,

DIST. SUPDT. OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

1) K.S. Kumaran,
2) M.S. Rama Rao,
3) N.D. Shankar,
4) A.Z. Sheriff,
5) K. Prabhudev,
6) Lingiah,
7) C.B. Monniah,
8) M.A. Parasuram &
9) K.C. Phillips.

Annexure to S.B.A.24/41 for W.E. 14-6-41.

(Reference vide page 160, para 3 under K.G.F.)

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UNTOUCHABILITY DAY CELEBRATION.

(9th June 1941.)

The following resolutions are unanimously passed on the eve of the Celebration of 'Untouchability Day' at Kolar Gold Fields.

1. The Depressed classes expressed their loyalty to their Majesties and pray that they may be victorious in the present war.

2. This meeting of the UNTOUCHABILITY DAY CELEBRATION requests that the duty of the British Government after the successful termination of the war is to redress the grievances of the Depressed classes who are entitled to full liberty and do justice by removing untouchability.

3. This meeting is of opinion to start non-violent methods to procure their objects if their grievances are not redressed after the British Victory in the present war.

4. This meeting requests that the Government may at an early date carry out the COLONISATION SCHEME brought forth by Dr. Ambetkar in the Gujarat Depressed Class Conference.

5. This meeting resolves that the Government may cancel the Poona resolution and grant the Special Constituency.

6. This meeting condemns the evil practice of compelling the Depressed classes to bury the dead Cattle and to eat them. The meeting requests Government to remove this evil practice by legislation.

7. This meeting requests Government to allot funds in Local bodies to depressed classes according to their member; or, repeal the provincial autonomy and take the reins of administration into the hands of the Government.

8. This meeting requests the provincial Government to improve tanning and weaving by appropriating funds every year for the Depressed classes.

9. This meeting very strongly condemns the payment of low wages and meagre provision of housing conveniences to labourers in tanneries and requests the Government to direct their attention to these disabilities.

10. This meeting requests the India Government to take steps with regard to working hours, fixing of proper wages, Comfortable housing conveniences education, holidays, provident fund or pension of the labouring classes.

11. This meeting requests the Government to take adequate steps for the fixation of proper wages and working hours, provision of housing conveniences and a better standard of education to the labourers at the spices, tea, coffee and rubber estates in India and outside India.

12. This meeting resolves the members of the depressed classes be trained and fixed up in offices inferior and superior according to their percentage at Government cost.

(a) The lands adjoining forests and in the forests were reclaimed by the depressed classes and made fit for cultigation for centuries together. But of late other castes have purchased them at low rates or took possession of them at low rates or took possession of them for exhorbitant rate of interest. This meeting requests Government to go through this question detail and issue a report as to the extent of lands so taken over from the depressed classes.

(b) This meeting requests that the lands in Zamindars' estates may be assigned to the depressed classes and give pension to the Zamindars and also make arrangements for the repayment of loans in a ten-year period.

(c) The interest on lands be given as pension to Zamindars.

13. The temples in India were built by our forefathers as is seen from the ancient records and as such they are ours. Therefore we request the Government to give us temple entry rights.

14. This meeting requests the India Government and important Indian leaders to hold an all-party conference to solve the present Indian deadlock.

15. India is unfit to enjoy the privileges of dominion status until such a time that the depressed classes attain equal rights.

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S. B. Report for the week ending Saturday, the 21st June 1941.

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UL LATIFF, ESQUIRE,

uperintendent of Police,
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....., (STATION) Bangalore.

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Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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S.B.A.No.25/41.

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CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City:

Mr.K.J.Satyanarayana Setty, the Secretary of the City Congress, is ascertained to be contributing articles about the State Politics to the Kannada weekly "Karnatak Bandhu", styling himself as the Political correspondent. His recent resignation to the Secretaryship and membership of the Ward Congress Committee is pending acceptance. It is understood that partly due to private affairs and the indifference of some of the Executive Committee members to evince interest in the activities, that he has sent up his resignation.

Kadur District:-

Mr.V.Konnur, a member of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee arrived at Chikmagalur on the 16th instant and with the help of the local congressmen collected about Rs.25/- as subscription for the relief of the strikers of 'Gokaka Girini'. He is learnt to have already collected about 1,373 rupees in Davanagere, Chitaldrug, Shimoga, Tarikere, Birur and Kadur.

Shimoga District:-

Mr.B.R.Chandrasekhara Setty has issued two statements to the Press, one congratulating Mr.D.H. Chandrasekhariah on his appointment as the President of the Legislative Council, and the other on the "New Ministers and the duty of the Representatives".

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:-

There was a discussion in the Congress Office on the attitude of Mr.K.Chengalaraya Reddi, the leader in the Assembly for having permitted one Anniah Setty, a member, to move the resolution regarding the removal of disqualifications on certain congress members, lest the Government should misconstrue that the congressmen were 'cringing' before them.

As Mr.M.Sitharama Sastry is believed to be acting against the interest of the congress organisation, the Disciplinary Sub Committee is being moved to remove his name from the roll of congressmen.

The Congress has observed that Mr.Changalaraya Reddi as the leader of the Congress Party in the Assembly ought to have pressed for a clear counting of votes when it disclosed that 75 congressmen out of about 105 present, voted against the motion in connection with the passing of the Civic Guard Rules.

The Executive Committee meeting of the City Congress was called for on the 20th instant with a view to adopt a constructive programme of work.

The Mysore Congress appears to have decided not to contest the Vice-presidentship of the Legislative Council on the plea that their prestige would

be affected in view of the appointment of Mr.D.H.Chandr sekharia, a non-congressman, for the Presidentship.

It is, however, rumoured that Mr.D.S.Mallappa, though a congressman, is trying to contest the Vice-Presidentship.

Mr,N.C.Thimma Reddy has addressed the Working Committee and the President, Mr.H.Siddia, protesting against the attitude of certain congress members in the Assembly.

Mysore Distfict:-

There was a social gathering of the congress members of the Representative Assembly on the 18th instant in the premises of the College Hostel, Mysore. Mr.Changalaraya Reddy while explaining the objects of the congress party, expressed that it was doing good work. He also paid tribute to the press. Mr.Siddiah praised the work of the congress party in the Assembly and hoped that the Dewan would help the congress to achieve their object.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Two congress meetings were held at Mysore, one on the 16th and the other on the 18th instant, under the Presidentship of Mr.H.Siddiah. The marginally noted speakers addressed the gathering on the respective days. Many of them criticised the New Reforms and the policy of the Government. Mr.Changalaraya Reddy observed that the Government were determined to fight with the congress. He criticised the procedure adopted in the Assmbly with regard to voting. Mr.S.Krishnaswami Rao referred to the want of proper medical aid in Mandya District. Mr.A.G.Ramachandra Rao referred to the statement of the previous Dewan as having stated that he had no belief in democracy and concluded that the advisers of His Highness the Maharaja did not give proper advice regarding the appointment of Ministers. Mr.Tagadur Ramachandra Rao criticised the policy of the Government with regard to the revival of rural industries and Khadi. Mr.H.C.Dasappa explained his experiences of life in Sevagram. He was of opinion that the Public Security Act might be called the Government Security Act and criticised the Cumulative system of voting. He remarked that there was a lot of difference between the speech of His Highness and the actual practice of the Government. Referring to the action taken under the Legal Practitioners' Act, he observed that the Government were not following any policy or principle and was working in an irresponsible way. Mr.S.Rangaramia observed that the resignation of the previous Dewan was unexpected and that he would get rid of his indignation by speaking about him. He criticised him as having spoiled very much and left a group of flatterers. Mr.Siddiah also criticised the action of the previous Dewan, observing that he did nothing to secure a harbour for Mysore to improve trade and commerce, and that he spent about Rs.97,000/- upon State Guests leaving the problems of Railways, retrocession of C & M Station and such others unsolved. Criticising the administration of the Forest Department, he said that the Government were acting in an irresponsible way. He also referred

Messrs: Made gowda, K.Changalaraya Reddi, S.Krishnaswami Rao, A.G.Ramachandra Rao, S.Rangaramia & H.Siddia- on the 16th.

Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, H.C.Dasappa, S.Rangaramia & H.Siddia- on the 18th.

to the alleged high salaries, lack of educational facilities indebtedness and other allied matters.

In connection with the Municipal Elections, public meetings were held by the congressmen to canvass votes in favour of the congress candidates at Hunsur and Malkunike on the 11th and 12th instant. Messrs.G.Krishnamurthi, A.Ramanna, T.Madegowda, H.S.Rudrappa, Gopala Rao, H.C.Dasappa, T.Mariappa, S.Rangaramia, H.Siddiah and Srimathi Sunandadevi addressed the gatherings. The last-named person while criticising the policy of the Government stated that the Government said that they were supporting war for democracy but were not prepared to give a democratic Government in this country. Mr.H.C.Dasappa while referring to the salaries of officers, said that the high salary of the Dewan was like day-light robbery.

The result of elections to the Hunsur Municipality disclosed that only two congress candidates succeeded for the 15 elective seats.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:-

The strike situation in the Mysore and the Minerva Mills remains much the same. Mr.Bhashyam seems to have advised Mr.Changalaraya Reddy to criticise in the Assembly regarding the selection of Messrs.T. Ramachandra, Narasimhalu Naidu and some others for the Committee appointed by the Government to go into the Labour problem. The Secretary of the Labour Union took some files connected with the present strike to Mr.Reddy to help the latter to argue during the Assembly Session.

Later, Mr.T.Ramachandra is understood to have consulted Mr.Bhashyam with a view to know the minimum demands of the labourers and to bring about an amicable settlement and end the strike. He visited Mysore on the 17th instant, while Mr.Bhashyam left for Mysore the next day.

The daily meetings of labourers continued to be held during the week as in previous weeks. Messrs.Doresami, Venkatesh, K.K.Venkatapathi, Kannan, Munisami, Ayodha, Puttashankarappa and some other labourers spoke as usual.

Mr.Bhashyam presided over a meeting on the 15th instant and this was attended by agout 2000 persons. Messrs.Thimma Reddy, Bhashyam and Puttashankarappa urged on the Government to interfere and settle the matter.

Mr.P.R.K.Sharma was expected to arrive in Bangalore on the 20th instant with the idea of being present here during the Legislative Council Session.

About 70 labourers of the Mysore Mills and 50 of the Minerva Mills resumed work on the morning of the 16th instant.

Kolar Gold Fields:-

The pay attachment warrants issued by the Munsiff, K.G.F., were given effect to in respect of those drawing less than Rs.50/-. This resulted in general

discontentment. The coolies in the Mysore and the Champion Reef Mines are said to have refused to take their wages and one underground cooly seems to have expressed that within 4 or 5 days, the Mining officials would know how the Mines would work. Mr.P.R.K.Sharma was informed of this by Bellman Doreraj, and the Minister for Law and Order also informed by the Mining Board. Some of the coolies of the Nandydroog Mine who approached the Munsiff appeared to have been informed that he would only give them a month's time for repayment of the loans. The coolies went satisfied.

Tamil Sunday Weekly styled 'K.G.F.Labour' are being sold for six pies a copy by Doreraj and Royappa in the Mines. The book deals on matters relating to the labour situation in the K.G.F., their Labour Union and their activities. It is published by Mr.K.C.Phillips, General Secretary of the Labour Union and printed ~~by~~ at the Nehru Press, Perambur. A copy of this weekly is reported to have been also received at the Labour Union Office, Bangalore.

Tamil notices published by Mr.Phillips and printed at the Sri Rama Press, Kuppum, were distributed in the Mines area on the 16th instant. They disclosed that the Working Committee has wired to the Dewan, the Assembly and the Labour Commissioner regarding the attachment of pay and that the labourers should be quiet, calm and united.

Doreraj, Royappa, G.Narayanaswami, Bhagyanathan, Indraraj and some others are reported to be collecting subscriptions for the union.

SOCIAL

Bangalore City:-

Mr.P.N.Rajabhoj, leader of the Harijans at Bombay, arrived in Bangalore on the 15th instant and is staying at the Modern Hindu Hotel as a 'State Guest'. He is expected to tour the State, visit the Harijan Institutions and study their conditions. Mr.T.Ramachandra of Bangalore is understood to have interviewed him on the 17th instant.

Mysore District:-

Mr.P.Gopalakrishna Setty presiding, the Standing Committee meeting of the Mysore State Vysya Youth Conference was held at Mysore on the 15th June and Mr.Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty was elected President of the Fourth Session of the above conference proposed to be held at Mysore during September next.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Cl.(c) sub rule (1) of Rule 40 of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, the Government have ordered in Notification No.P.3/Law 146-40-2 dated 9th June 1941, the forfeiture of the book styled "Who is Hitler", published by Mr.P.H.S.Das, Chickpet, Bangalore City.

It is since reported that the house of Mrs.Gowramma, No.8, Mamulpet, Bangalore City, was searched on the 18th instant on a warrant obtained from the City Magistrate, ~~Mysore~~ Bangalore. As a result, some objectionable literature, other books and some other manuscripts etc., were seized.

Earlier, 20 copies of the said book were produced by the said Gowramma. On a similar warrant, the premises of the Radha Power Press were also searched and a few proof copies of the same book were seized. An order appears to have been placed for printing 3000 copies and that 1000 copies were delivered in complete book form, while the rest were taken away by the publisher for printing covers for them on a new design at the Prajamatha Power Press.

EXTERNEES.

A.Z.Shariff, Lingiah and N.D.Shankar(referred to in the previous week's S.B.A. page 161) who have been prohibited from entering the Civil & Military Station area, were served with the copy of the orders, the first on the 13th instant and the 2nd and the 3rd on the 15th instant at Hubli, Malavalli and Mandya respectively.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Shimoga District:

Rumours were spread in Shimoga that there would be a Hindu-Muslim rioting during the "Urus" on the 16th and 18th instant. As it was found to have been spread by some mischief-mongers, some prominent members of both the communities were apprised of this baseless rumour, whereon an appeal was issued under their joint-signatures, requesting the public not to be perturbed. The occasion is postponed to the 26th instant. The scare has now died out.

KHAKSAR ORGANISATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 11 of the Mysore Public Security Act, the Government in Notification No.P.4/Legis. dated the 9th June 1941, have declared the above Organisation and its Branches in Mysore, to be an unlawful organisation.

ABDUL LATIFF.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Bangalore,
June 23, 1941.

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OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE & REVENUE
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. KESAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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No. SBA.26/41 *dated* 1st July *194* 1

SIR,

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I have the honour to submit herewith, in triplicate, the Special Branch Abstract No.26/41 for the week ending Saturday, the 28th June 1941, for the information of Government.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
Date 7-7-41
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Dewan
F&R. Minister
Law Minister
Edn. Minister
& L.S.G.H.P. Minister

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending 28th June 1941.....

The following matters should be reported on :—

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(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
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S.B.A. No.26/41.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 28th June 1941.

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

Personnel.

Bangalore City:

Being dissatisfied with the attitude of the Congress Party, Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy wants to resign his Secretaryship of the Constructive Sub-Committee formed by the Mysore Congress.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Congress Party members of the Legislative Council and the members of the Parliamentary Sub-committee conferred at a meeting held in the Congress office on the 23rd instant. Mr. D.S. Mallappa of Tiptur who wanted to contest the Vice-presidentship of the Council was requested to give a chance to the Harijan candidate, Mr. Jayamuthuraju. Mr. T. Mariappa, Leader of the Congress Party in the Council was advised as to how the Congress members should conduct themselves in the Council.

The Congress members of the Representative Assembly are understood to have contributed Rs.5/- each from their respective T.A. to their party fund. There is a proposal to open an office at Bangalore for the use of the members of the Legislatures.

The attitude of Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi for not staging a Walk-out from the Assembly at the time of the Dewan's speech on the Opening Day of the Assembly and for his reconciliatory tone in criticising the actions of the Government in the Assembly proceedings, was severely criticised. Mr. Reddy who was a little bit irritated at these remarks offered to tender his resignation to the party leadership but was pacified by the rest of the members.

At a meeting of the City Congress Committee held in the Congress Office the same day (presided over by Mr. Bhashyam), the proposal of publishing a pamphlet styled "The New Mysore Reforms" by Mr. M.A. Gopalaswami Iyengar was approved, and the question of removing the name of Mr. L.S. Raju from the list of Executive Committee members was dropped. The Scheme drawn up by Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty for giving effect to the constructive programme of work and the question of acceptance of his resignation from the Ward Congress Committee, were deferred.

It is expected that Mr. K. Bhashyam, M.L.A. (Congress) Madras, would deliver a lecture on "The Congress Party in the Legislature and its working", for the benefit of congress members of the Legislatures on the 28th instant in the Garden of Mr. L.S. Raju.

Shimoga District:

It is reported that Congress candidates

would contest the Vice-presidentship of the Shimoga Town Municipality.

Kolar District:
The A.M.C.C. meeting is arranged to be held at Chickballapur on the 12th and the 13th July.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Mysore District:
Under the presidentship of Mr. H.C. Dasappa a public meeting (attendance about 400 persons) was held on the 19th instant in the Rangacharlu Memorial Hall at Mysore, Messrs. P.Sitharamiah, T. Mariappa, A. Krishna Murthi, Mohamad Sait, H. Siddiah, K.T. Bhashyam and the president spoke at great length on the Municipal Budget of Mysore City. Among other matters, the administrative policy of the Government in the Municipal affairs was criticised and the election of a non-official President to the Municipality was urged.

Mr. Sitharamiah referred to the Congress party being able to hold a meeting in the Town Hall and regretted that before their elections to the Municipal Council they were not permitted to do so. Mr. Siddiah, in the course of his speech desired that the sum of Rs.2788-8-0 which was collected as fines from the Municipal cases should go to the Municipality, instead to the Government. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam wanted that the Municipal Councillors should send a resolution to the Government urging for a right to hold public meetings outside the Rangacharlu building and urged that the members should resign if the Government did not pay attention to the problem of prohibition in the City.

Messrs. T. Mariappa (Pr), K. Chengalraya Reddi, K. Hanumanthia, Venkatappa and Puttahonnappa - addressed a Municipal election propaganda meeting in T.Narasipur on the 20th instant. The next day, Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, M. Shankariah and S. Shamanna spoke at a similar meeting held in Chamarajanagar.

The speakers exhorted the audience to vote for the congress candidates. As usual there were criticisms by some speakers on the administration by the Government. Mr. Bhashyam said that he expected that the present Dewan would be sympathetic towards the Congress but that subsequent events belied his expectations. He was of opinion that the appointment of the Ministry was not satisfactory.

On the 21st instant, there was another meeting at T. Narasipur at which Messrs. T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, B. Narayanaswami Iyengar, T.Narasimha Iyengar and Srimathi Sunanda Devi appealed to the voters to vote for the Congress.

Chitaldrug District:
The Chitaldrug District Reddy's Conference is arranged to be held at Thalavatti on the 5th & 6th July under the presidentship of Mr. H. Sitharama Reddy of Bellary, M.L.A. Madras. Messrs. K. Chengalraya Reddy and Loki Reddi, President, District Board, Bellary, are expected to participate in the function.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:
The Management of the Mysore and the Minerva Mills which agreed to the demands of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam -

put forth through Mr. T.Ramachandra, deferred the question of taking up Lingiah's case. The negotiations seem to have fallen through.

So far, about 32 workers of the Mysore Mills and 54 of Minerva Mills have resumed work. A sum of about Rs.1100/- has been pa-id from the Union Funds towards the relief of the strikers.

Daily meetings of the Labourers continued to be held during the week. Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, H.C. Dasappa, K.Chengalraya Reddi, K. Sampangiramiah, Malavalli Virappa, K. Shyamaraja Iyengar, Puttashankarappa, Venkatesh and a few others participated in the proceedings. The alleged reticence on the part of the Government in regard to the present situation and the personnel of the committee constituted to go into the labour problem, were criticised. The need for a labour legislation was urged by many of the speakers. They also hoped for the early termination of the strike in the best interests of the labourers.

Mr.K.T. Bhashyam is understood to have asked Mr.T. Mariappa to urge for an adjournment motion in the Council on the 26th instant to discuss the present labour situation.

Kolar Gold Fields:

Tamil pamphlets issued by Mr. K.C.Phillips and printed at the Standard Press, Madras, were sold in the mining area on the 22nd instant. The pamphlet contains matters relating to the personnel of the Labour Legislative Committee and other criticisms. Mr. Govindaswamy who represents the K.G.F. Labourers is said to have very little experience and would not represent things properly.

SOCIAL.

The leaders of the Vysya Community convened a meeting at Konanoor (Hassan District) on the 22nd instant and discussed their communal matters. Messrs. Lakshmia Gupta, Viswanathe Gupta of Andhra Desa, and Mr. Gopalkrishna Setty of Mysore and Mrs. Kanakavalli Thayaramma took part in the proceedings.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

Thirty three copies of the book entitled "Who is Hitler", were seized during the week by the Police of Tarikere.

PROSECUTIONS.

Labourers, Venkatesh and Rangaswami were prosecuted under section 24 Cl.(1) (a) of the Mysore Public Security Act for having intimidated the workers from resuming work in the Mysore and Minerva Mills. They were convicted to 3 months S.I. each, by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, on 27-6-41. The case against Anniappa and Sriramulu for a similar offence is pending trial.

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ABDUL LATIFF,

Bangalore,)
Dated 30-6-41.) SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract No.28/41, ~~xxxxxx~~ in triplicate, for the week ending 12th July 1941.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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P.H. Minister
Law Minister
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending 12th July 1941

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 12th July 1941.

P O L I T I C A L.

CONGRESS MOVEMENT.

PERSONNEL.

Kolar District:

Messrs. C.K. Balakrishnan, President; C. Adappa, Vice-President; T.S.Sampathkumaran and J. Seetharamiah, Secretaries and A. Chikahanumanthappa, Treasurer form the Reception Committee of the A.M.C.C. meeting proposed to be held at Chickballapur on the 19th and 20th July.

Messrs. K. Chickvenkataswamappa, V. Venkatarayappa, H.B. Basappa and K. Sampangiramiah(doctor) form the Working Committee for the above meeting.

Mr.Muninggappa of Parigali of Hindupur Taluk, a member of the District Congress Committee, Anantapur left Bagepalli for his place on the 3rd instant.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

There is a move among some congressmen to have the existing system of dual membership of the Mysore Congress cancelled, so that they might be free from certain restrictions of the British Indian Congress. They also desire that a resolution should be passed reposing confidence in the Congress members of the Legislatures and authorising them to co-operate with the Government, on matters which are of a constructive nature.

The organising Secretary of the Mysore Congress in a circular issued to all the Taluk Committees, has requested the la-tter to send up suggestions, if any, regarding the constructive programme.

After the A.M.C.C. Sessions at Chickballapur, the congress leaders are expected to undertake a propaganda tour throughout the State.

Some congress leaders have objected to the attitude of Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy for having participated in the Reddi's Conference held at Chitaldrug, though Mr. Reddy explained that he had obtained permission of Mr. Bhashyam.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi is understood to have expressed that since the congress had started anti-Government activities once in two years from 1937, it would be in fairness to adopt the same course during the end of the current year.

The Parliamentary Sub Committee which is expected to meet on the 15th instant is likely to discuss about the conduct of Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa for having got up a "Tea Party" to a Government Officer (referring to Mr. S. Narayana Rao) and about Mr. M. Seetharama Sastry in connection with his anti-Congress propaganda.

ELECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr.Kuduvalli Ramaswamy (Congress) Pleader of Shimoga has been elected Vice-President of the Shimoga Town Municipality. Eight congress candidates have come out successful in the Municipal election at Bhadravathi - the elective seats being ten.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Propaganda meetings were held at Bhadravathi from the 3rd to the 6th instant inclusive in connection with the Municipal elections for which the congressmen had contested for all the elective seats. Messrs. T. Subramanyam, K.Chengalraya Reddi, K. Hanumanthia, and K.T. Bhashyam and some others participated in the proceedings and spoke at great length in their usual strain criticising the authorities. Messrs. Abdul Khudus, K.S. Ramachandra Setty, S.R. Nagappa Setty and S.V. Krishna Murthi respectively, presided over these meetings. (Gathering ranging from 200 to 400). Mr. N. Vishkanta Rao of Mysore, Lavani Singer, read out ballads from the printed book " ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಚರಿತ್ರೆ " (History of the Mysore Congress) during the meeting on the 4th instant. The book contains objectionable matter.

NOTE.- Action is proposed to be taken against the author (Mr. Vishkanta Rao) under Rule 38 (1) (a) read with Rule 34(6) (E) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, and the Publisher under Rule 38 (c) of the same Rules and to proscribe the above noted book.

Under the presidentship of Mr. S. Nijalingappa, a congress meeting (attended by about 200 persons) was held at Chitaldrug on the 5th July when Messrs. Sitharama Reddy (Ex.M.L.A. Madras) of Bellary, K. Chengalraya Reddy and A. Bhimappa Naik spoke on the present political situation in Mysore. The last named speakers particularly criticised the recent sittings of the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council and about the non-official ministers.

The speeches are said to be moderate in effect and they are under scrutiny by the Public Prosecutor.

Presided over by Mr. Sitharama Reddy of Bellary (Ex-M.L.A.Madras) the Chitaldrug District Reddies' Conference was held at Thalavatti in Hiriyur Taluk on the 6th instant. Mr. & Mrs. K. Chengalraya Reddy, Messrs. S. Virabasappa, D. Virabasappa, Rajasekharish Hiremutt, M. Govinda Reddi, A. Bhimappa Naik and others participated in the proceedings. The object of convening the Conference was said to be to consider measures towards the improvement of the social and economic conditions of their community. Resolutions were also adopted to the same effect.

Though the congressmen attended the conference, it is reported that it had no political significance. A Committee consisting of Mr. Rudra Reddy of Maradihalli, as President, was formed for the management of the Sangha.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Shimoga District:

The report of the Public Service Commissioner submitted to the Government regarding the recruitment

to Government service was the subject matter of discussion at a private meeting of the Branch of the above Sabha held at Shimoga on the 5th instant, Mr. H.R. Mahantesh, President of the Tumkur Branch, presiding. Resolutions appear to have been adopted proposing that recruitment should be made on the basis of qualification and merit and that if this was not feasible, at least 20 per cent should be reserved for qualified and efficient candidates and the rest recruited on Communal proportion.

INTER COMMUNAL AFFAIRS.

Religious.

Shimoga District:

Some trouble was anticipated as between Khaji Syed Fakrudin and the other Mohammedens during prayer at the Jumma Mosque, Shimoga on the 4th July as a result of the former who is the Pesh Iman in the Mosque, having officiated as a priest (Khaji) ~~ax~~ during a marriage in the Khadiana Community at Ayanoor, alleging that it was contrary to the Islamic principles.

The timely action taken by the local Police prevented the apprehended breach of the peace. A committee consisting of important leaders of the community has been formed to bring about a settlement.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr.K.T. Bhashyam in the course of the statement issued to the Press regarding the Binny's Mills enquiry and the orders of Government thereon, has stated that the Management should appreciate the position and meet the workers' demands in a spirit of friendliness and generosity. While referring to the circumstances that led to the strike, other connected affairs and the view taken by the Government, he has concluded that instead of deciding the issue, the Government have heaped undeserved blame on the workers.

Mr. Bhashyam appears to have advised the workers of the Binny's Mills to receive only 10% bonus and dividend. A car which he expects from Bombay is likely to be given for the use of the Textile Labour Union members.

About 70 workers in Mr. Dhondusa's Gold Thread Factory, struck work on the 8th instant on the plea that the Management was postponing disbursement of wages, which was however attended to, the same afternoon. One of the workers S.V. Rudra Aradhya was dismissed for impertinent behaviour. The workers resumed work on the ~~xxxxx~~ morning of the 10th instant and they are understood to have been advised by Mr. Bhashyam to enrol themselves as members of the Textile Labour Union.

About 70 workers of the Mysore Hosieries struck work on the 7th instant on the plea that one of the workers was dismissed. Later, they demanded the dismissal of the Store-Keeper against whom they had a grievance and desired that Mr. Narayana Rao, the Manager of the Factory who has stayed away from work, should be taken back for duty.

Kolar Gold Fields:

As a sequel to the dismissal of two workers for irregular attendance in the Champion Reef Mines

and seven door-boys having been thrown out on medical grounds, about 200 to 300 Coolies headed by Perumal and Thangavelu conspired on the night of the 3rd instant to organise a strike the next morning. A manuscript tamil notice was also found pasted on the 4th instant at a conspicuous place near a tea-shop in Champion Reef. Consequently, the morning shift Coolies stopped away from work and gathered near the Gifford Shaft. Enquiries were, however, made by the Superintendent of the Mine and the Chief Inspector of Mines and after necessary consultations, the Coolies were informed that the two dismissed workers would be taken for work and the door-boys also, if they later are declared medically fit. The Coolies having been satisfied, went for work.

Tamil printed notices were distributed in K.G.F. which among other matters disclosed that due to unavoidable circumstances, their weekly bulletins for 2 weeks could not be published.

An anonymous petition has been received by the Chief Inspector of Mines threatening a general strike if the pay attachment warrants issued against the Coolies were not withdrawn. Tamil notices were also found pasted to a similar effect. G. Narayanaswamy, Indraraj, Gangadharan and others seem to have advised the Coolies not to receive their pay if attachments are given effect to.

SOCIAL.

Mr. Rajabhoj of Poona (referred to in S.B.A. 27/41-Page 175) presided over the Conference of the Mysore State Harijans, on the 4th July at Doddasiddavanahalli in Chitaldrug Taluk and spoke on the uplift of Harijans and the improvement of their social conditions. He wanted them to support the present war effort and join the Mahar Regiment at Poona. Resolutions were also adopted to the same effect. The next day he visited Maradihalli and left for Hassan where he delivered a lecture on a similar subject on the 6th instant under the presidentship of Mr.S. Venkatesiah. He then proceeded to Mysore, visited some Harijan institutions and advised them to sink their internal differences and support Britain. He regretted that the Mysore Congress had failed in their duties towards Harijans. He also threatened that if the Hindus failed to fulfil their obligations towards Harijans, they (Harijans) would work for separation and segregation just like Muslims.

He is reported to have returned to Bangalore on the 10th instant.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mysore Students' Federation.

Mr. Mir Iqbal Husain had consented to inaugurate the Literacy Campaign on the 6th July organised by Mr. Savoi Aswatha Rao. But it was a failure owing to poor response. The same evening, a meeting was called for in Chintalapalli Venkatamuniah's Choultry which was only a farce. However, a statement was issued by Mr. Savoi Aswatha Rao stating that these two functions went off successfully. The names of office-bearers of the Bangalore Branch of the Federation appear to have been announced by him.

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Bangalore,
Dated 14-7-41.

ABDUL LATIFF,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

MRK.

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I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending 19th July 1941.

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S.B.A.No.29/41.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 19th July 1941.

POLITICAL

Congress Movement.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:-

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress met on the 15th instant in the Congress Office at Bangalore, under the presidentship of Mr.H.Siddiah. The Committee after adopting the accounts for the last month, passed four official resolutions to be brought up for discussion in the ensuing session of the A.M.C.C. at Chickballapur. The first resolution, while reviewing the recent political events in the State, records its regret at the unchanging attitude of the Government towards the congress and criticises the selection of non-official Ministers and the appointment of the President of the Legislative Council. The second resolution calls upon all congressmen and congress committees to carry on the constructive programme, both extensively and intensively. The third, while recording regret at the increasing labour unrest in the State, urges the constitution of a Labour Committee to discuss and suggest legislative and administrative measures for the welfare of the labourers and the industrial progress of the State.

The committee also discussed the question of co-operating with the various sub-committees, which have been appointed by Government, and the dual membership of congress members. The question of co-operating with the war efforts of the Government was also discussed and a formal resolution was permitted to be moved at the ensuing A.M.C.C. meeting.

The Parliamentary Sub Committee of the Mysore Congress which held a joint sitting with the Working Committee considered the allegations against the Congress party of the Bangalore Municipality. It was contained that communal jealousy existed among the members of the party, and they were not observing the party principles. Mr.H.C.Dasappa was authorised to enquire into the matter after the A.M.C.C.Session.

There is a proposal to start a Khadi Prachar Centre and a Committee, with Mr.W.H.Hanumanthappa as President, Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setti, Garlu Narayana Setti, N.Keshava Iyengar and others as members. It is further suggested that the City Municipality should be urged to exempt from cess all such articles as may be approved by the Centre.

Mysore District:-

On the night of 15-7-1941, a meeting of local congressmen of Nanjangud was held in the house of Mr.K.Visweswara Gowda, under the presidentship of Mr.T.Mariappa, advocate, Mysore. Messrs.B.Narayanaswami, Pleader, Mysore, S.Narayana Rao, advocate, Nanjangud, and others attended the meeting. It is ascertained that they discussed the election of Vice-president to the Nanjangud Town Municipality and decided that Mr.V.R.Krishna

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~~Rao~~ from the Congress party should be unanimously elected Vice-president. The committee also considered the resignations tendered by Messrs.T.V.Subbiah and K.S.Lakshmana Setty to the Congress Committee, but did not accept their resignations.

Hassan District:-

It is reported that Mr.G.S.Sampathiengar of Gorur(a member of the Grama Seva Sangha) who had been convicted and sentenced to 4 months imprisonment for offering Satyagraha on the 5th March 1941 in Dharwar District, returned to Hassan on the 8th July, on his release from the Hindaligi Jail on the 5th. On his return to Hassan, he was welcomed by Messrs.A.G.Ramachandra Rao and R.S.Gunduramiah.

Note:-The District Superintendent of Police, Dharwar, has been requested to furnish particulars regarding the circumstances under which he was convicted and details of his conviction.

It is understood that Mr.H.N.Keshavamoorthy intends going to Wardha and, after spending some time there, to proceed to Almora and join the Publication Department of the Ramakrishna Mission.

Tumkur District:-

A private meeting of the District Congress Committee, Tumkur, was held on the 13th July 1941, under the presidentship of Mr.Mali Mariappa, advocate, Madhugiri. Two main resolutions ascertained to have been passed in the meeting are :-1)that the State Congress President's tour should be arranged to take place in the District during the first week of the next month; (2) that each Taluk will donate not less than Rs.100/- for the expenses of the President's tour.

Kolar:-

The members of the Reception Committee of the A.M.C.C.meeting(to be held on the 19th and 20th instant) are busy making arrangements for the same. The premises of Reddi Venkataramappa's choultry is intended to be used for the purpose.

Chitaldrug District:-

A Soap Factory called "Mahatmaji Congress Soap Factory" was declared open by Mr.S.Nijalingappa, a leading congressman of Chitaldrug on the 10th instant at Chitaldrug. He made a short speech exhorting the audience to support the local industries.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:-

The workers of the Mysore Hosieries, Mysore Road, who were on strike since the 7th, resumed work on the 14th.

The workers of the Binny's Mills are reported to have decided to approach the Manager of the Mills and to ascertain from him as to why the date of payment of bonus for the current month has been ~~put forward~~ postponed. The meeting of the Welfare Committee which had been called for the 14th instant, has been postponed to the 21st instant.

About 20 to 30 workers of the Mysore and Minerva Mills have complained at the Labour Union Office, that they have not been taken to work on the ground that

they reported for duty after the 10th instant. The Mill authorities had fixed 10th instant as the last date for the strikers to resume work.

Mr.P.R.K.Sharma, who arrived in Bangalore from Madras, on the morning of the 15th instant, held formal discussions with Messrs.K.T.Bhashyam and T.Ramachandra on the deliberations of the committee that has been appointed to go into the labour problems and is believed to have suggested that the non-official members should oppose the Government view that every factory should have its own union, controlled by an officer of the Government. He is further believed to have urged for a non-official union recognised by the Government. Mr.Bhashyam is also reported to be of the same view, but wants a union federating all the individual unions.

Mr.Sharma interviewed the Minister for Law and Order on the evening of the 16th instant, along with 10 workers of K.G.F.Mines and is reported to have pleaded for the re-instatement of the discharged workers of the Mines.

On the 11th instant, a public meeting of labourers (attendance about 500 workers) was held near Magadi Road maidan, under the presidentship of Mr.K.T.Bhashyam, when the President speaker and Mr.N.C.Thimma Reddi addressed the gathering. Mr.Bhashyam observed that the Government have been trying to form unions outside. Mr.N.C.Thimma Reddi stated that the Dewan drawing a high salary would naturally side the rich and not the poor. He, therefore, requested the workers to join the congress which was working for the uplift of the poor.

Strength of the unions outside.

Kolar Gold Fields:-

On 9-7-41, Mr.Osborn and a maistry of the Champion Reefs, took two female coolies underground to the 70th level, with the result that the labourers took objection and represented the matter to the Superintendent of the Mines. The Superintendent enquired and finally (on 12-7-41) passed orders suspending them as also the cage cooly for a week.

On the morning of the 10th July, the coolies of the Champion Reef Mines refused to take their pay as a portion of it(in some cases) had been attached, as per warrants issued by the Civil Court and in spite of the Superintendent's advice, they would not yield. The coolies of other Mines took their pay and no deduction was made in some cases at the request of the affected individuals. That afternoon also, the coolies of the Champion Reef Mines refused to take their pay but collected near the General Office and demanded information about the punishment meted out to Mr.Osborne and a Maistry who were charged with taking two female coolies underground on the 9th instant(vide supra). The Chief Agent told them that they had been fined one Shift's pay, and that seven representatives of the workers whom they had sent were satisfied with the punishment. The coolies disowned any representatives being sent, and demanded that all those concerned, together with the two females should be suspended for one week and the decision should be announced the next day on the notice board. In the Mysore Mines, about 40 coolies took their pay and the rest refused and went away.

The next day, the workers of the Champion Reefs, Mysore Mine, and Nandydroog Mine, took their pay after some hesitation. In the evening, Narayanaswami, School Master of Marikuppum, Indraraj and 5 or 6 coolies saw the Chief Inspector of Mines who advised them to patiently await the decision of the High Court in respect of the attachment warrants that had been issued by the lower courts. They also represented to him that the two women who had gone underground with Mr.Osborne and another, did not go voluntarily and that the Foreman and the Maistries should be punished by Government, instead of by the Company.

On 12-7-41, the drivers of the Champion Reef Mines approached the Chief Engineer for increase of wages and he replied that he would consult the Superintendent of the Mine and would intimate the result. The same evening, the coolies of the Picking Floor of Mysore Mine presented a petition to Mr.Kendall for grant of leave for half-a-day on Saturdays and Sundays as they overwork on other days. Mr.Kendall promised to consider their demand with the Superintendent.

K.C.Phillips, Lakshmana Mudaliar, Venkatesh, Abraham, Esudoss, Govindaswami, Muniswami, Thakkalli and Chittrai are said to be still at Kuppum. Shanmugam is reported to have come to Kuppum on the 14th instant. Abraham, Govindaswami, Venkatesh and Doraiswami are since reported to have gone to Bangalore from Kuppum on the 14th instant.

FOREIGNERS

Bangalore City:-

It is reported that three ex-Satyagrahis, N.Shankara Menon, a native of South Malabar, K.K.Nair of North Malabar and Miss Gurjalli have arrived in Bangalore and would be leaving for New Delhi via Hindupur on foot.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

Tumkur District:-

Twenty-four copies of "Who is Hitler" published by P.H.S.Das in Kannada, were seized by the Madhugiri Police on 8-7-41 at Doddadalavatta jatra from Vysya Chenchiah Setti, Bookseller, Hindupur.

EXTERNEES.

Bangalore City:-

Mr.K.S.Kumaran(externee from Bangalore District) now at Mysore, has applied for permission to visit Bangalore to see his ailing father. The grant of permission is under contemplation.

Manavalan, an ex-employee of the Mysore Railways and deportee from the Mysore State was found near a labour meeting held at Magadi Road, on the evening of the 11th instant. He has been arrested and charged before the Court of the City Magistrate under Section 34 Cl(2) of the Mysore Public Security Act.

ABDUL LATIFF.
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Bangalore City,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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For week ending 26th July 1941.

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S.B.A.No.30/41.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 26th July 1941.

POLITICAL.

Congress movement.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. S. Chellam and two of his friends reported to be Ex-political convicts released from the Central Jail, Bellary, about the 18th July, arrived at Bangalore on the 19th instant and stayed at Thotadappa's Choultry. Before their departure to Dindigal the following day, they are understood to have visited the Congress Office and also met Messrs. R. Natarajan, Electrician, Prisoners of War Camp, Jalahalli, and P.A. Simon, Wireman, Jog Falls.

The resignation of Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty to the Secretaryship of the City Congress Committee is reported to be pending acceptance.

Chitaldrug District:

The District Superintendent of Police, Bijapur, had forwarded the application of Lakshmikantha Bhimakumar of Chitaldrug (a leading congressman and political convict) now undergoing imprisonment in the Yerrawada Jail for an offence under section 38 (5) of the Defence of India Rules, requesting for release on parole on the grounds of his parents' serious ill-health. The District Superintendent of Police, Chitaldrug, has reported that the parents of the individual are hale and healthy, except for the mother being mentally worried about the son being in Jail.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress allowed about 50 resolutions out of about 75 sent up for discussion at the A.M.C.C. including those relating to criticisms on the conduct of Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi in the last Assembly Session and the removal of dual membership disqualifications proposed by Dorasami and Ramachandra Setty respectively. With the idea of giving wide publicity about the attitude of the leaders of the Mysore Congress and to show that all is not well with the Congress, Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty got printed pamphlets dated 12-7-41 distributed in the City containing the various resolutions proposed by him to the A.M.C.C. for discussion but disallowed by the Working Committee.

A majority of Congressmen are understood to have been dissatisfied with the attitude of congress leaders like Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, H.C. Dasappa and others who are alleged to be over-riding the wishes of workers as was apparent during the last A.M.C.C. Session. It is said that mainly due to this reason, Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty tendered his resignation.

Printed copies of the speech of Mr. L.S. Raju delivered during the recent Legislative Council on the 25th June, were found distributed in the City.

Resolutions for discussion at the forth-coming Session of the Representative Assembly since received at the Congress Office, are learnt to have been under compilation in the Congress Office and to come up for discussion shortly.

The City Congress has drafted a scheme for intensifying the Congress propaganda on the Constructive Programme ~~px~~ of ~~w~~work.

Tumkur District:

The President of the Mysore Congress and his party have programmed a propaganda tour in Tumkur District from the 3rd proximo onwards commencing from Tumkur.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Mysore District:

At a public meeting of the local Muslims (attended by about 200) presided over by Moulvi R.Abdul Khader, Messrs. Abdul Ghani and Mohamed Sait spoke on the uplift of Muslims exhorting them to work for unity, educational advancement and other allied matters concerning the interests of their community. Mr. Mohammad Sait further referred to the discussions he had in the recent Legislative Council and appealed for support.

Shimoga District:

At a public meeting held at Bhadravathi under the auspices of the Bhadravathi Municipal Election propaganda committee on the 17th instant, Messrs. S.V. Krishna Murthi (Pr), Y. Parthanarayana Pandit and Nidige Rudrappa thanked the voters.

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Shimoga District:

At a private meeting of the above League, held at Shimoga on the 23rd instant under the presidentship of Mr. M. Mohamed Khasim Sab, they resolved to address the Deputy Director of Public Instruction for providing two more double bullock carts for the use of Ghosha ladies attending schools, (2) to address the District Medical Officer, Shimoga, for providing a separate waiting room for Gosha ladies and (3) to address the Deputy Commissioner for providing a separate burial ground for use by their community-men as the present one is inadequate.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.C. Phillips is reported to have written a letter to Mr. Changalaradhya, a member of the Representative Assembly and the Labour Sub Committee asking him to furnish particulars about the discussions that took place at the Labour Sub Committee and a copy of the draft Act for setting labour disputes.

At a public meeting of labourers held on the 20th July at the Municipal Gardens under the presidentship of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, (attended by about 500 labourers), Messrs. H. Siddiah, T. Subramanyam, S. Nijalingappa, B.N. Boranna Gowda and the presidentship referred to the peaceful strike observed by the labourers, its termination and their so-called discipline. The speakers further assured that the Labour Committee appointed by the Congress (Vide proceedings of the A.M.C.C. - page 190 ~~supra~~ infra) would press their demands.

A meeting is arranged on the 27th instant under the auspices of the Labour Union at which a resolution is expected to be passed demanding the ~~intervention~~ intervention of Government as a result of non-announcement of the ~~date of~~ payment of bonus by the Binny's Mills Management.

Shimoga District:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has been invited to address a labour meeting at Bhadravathi on the 27th instant to acquaint himself with the local conditions and suggest measures to strengthen the Labour Union.

Kolar Gold Fields:

With reference to the petition of the Surface Coolies of the Champion Reef Mine asking for grant of increments, they are reported to have received a reply from the Superintendent that they should send a representative from each department.

On account of engine trouble at the Gifford shaft the underground Coolies who were held up till a late hour on the 18th instant urged for extra wages. In consultation with the Chief Inspector of Mines and the Welfare Officer, the Superintendent of the Mine replied that he would grant more wages for extra work done by them.

Doreraj of Nandydroog Mine distributed printed Tamil notices announcing the labourers that he could not henceforth attend to the labour activities due to domestic and other troubles and that he has requested the leaders Messrs. V.V. Giri and P.R.K. Sharma to evince interest in redressing their grievances.

Attended by about 1500 labourers, a labour ~~public~~ meeting was held on the 21st instant in the Marikuppam Foot-ball grounds. Govindaraj of Oorgaum spoke about the points he pressed in the Select Committee appointed to consider the Labour Legislation on the 16th, 17th and 18th instant at Bangalore. Govindarajalu referred to the points passed in the Assembly about (1) the recognition of the Union and enrolment of members, (2) appointment of a Labour Commissioner for Kolar to mediate between the Capitalists and the labourers in cases of disputes, etc., (3) action to be taken against persons spreading news for strike or of threat to close the Mines, (4) establishment of Industrial Court to decide labour dispute cases and such other allied matters.

Three resolutions (moved by Narayanaswamy) were passed regarding (1) the starting of the Union immediately, (2) reinstatement to duty of mine-out labourers and (3) early publication of Dewan Bahadur Mr. Mathan's Report.

Ebenezer, Perumal and some others appealed for strengthening the Union.

As previously announced by Govindaraj, another meeting of labourers, attended by about 2000 persons, was held on the 23rd instant in front of the Travellers' Bungalow, presided over by Mr. Kanniappa of Mysore Mine. Govindarajalu referred to the matters discussed about the formation of the Union its working and other allied matters, including those relating to (1) the formation of one Head Office for all the four Union Offices under the control of the Labour Commissioner.

(2) matters not settled by the Labour Commissioner to be enquired into by a Committee (3) members of the Union being liable to be removed in case of misconduct (4) Mining authorities to send to the Union a statement of salaries and other facilities afforded to the labourers, (5) that Government should intervene in case strikes continued for a period of 2 months.

Narayanaswami, Gopalanair, Rayappan, Perumal, Ebenezer and some other labourers participated in deliberations appealing for unity and strengthening of the Union, Etc.

In his concluding speech, Govindarajalu stated that if the question of the pay attachment in respect of which appeal is now pending before the Hon'ble the High Court, the same would be taken up by the Union.

Narayanaswami read out 2 resolutions regarding the formation of the Union and the restoration of the mine-out labourers and announced that they would be submitted to the Minister for Law.

The mine-out labourers who visited Bangalore are reported to have not yet returned to Kuppam. Lakshmana Modaliyar is learnt to have gone to Madras. The Beedy Factory at Kuppam seems to be not working now.

Messrs. Phillips Tolbut and Brahmachari T. Ramachandra who proceeded to K.G.F. on the 21st instant, visited the Mining institutions at Balaghat, Henry Shaft, Kennedy Shaft, Etc., and returned to Bangalore the same night.

FOREIGNERS.

K.K.Nair and 2 others,-Sathyagrahis of Southern India,-referred to in S.B.A. 29/41, page 183 arrived at Yelahanka from Bangalore on foot on the 17th July and proceeded towards Doddaballapur the next morning. Two of them (Shankar Menon and Mrs. Sakuntala Gurgali) are learnt to have since left Thondebhavi for Hindupur Taluk by walk via Goribidanur and Viduraswatha, and K.K. Nair, by train to Hindupur.

PRESS.

A Kannada booklet styled " RUSSIA - GERMANY " published by Sangrama Sahitya Mandira, Bangalore City, and written by one Mr. M. Rama Murthi is on sale in the market.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

With reference to the proscribed literature "ಚಿತ್ರ ದುರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ" (referred to in S.B.A. 15/41 page-96-) it is reported that ~~that~~ 491 copies thereof seized from the Sathyavani Press at Chitaldrug, were burnt as per orders of the Magistrate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City:

Under the auspices of the University Union, Bangalore, Dr. B.S. Moonje, Vice-President of the Hindu Maha Sabha who arrived at Bangalore on the 23rd July, addressed a meeting the next day at the Puttanna Chetty Town Hall, left for Bombay the following day i.e. the 25th instant. Some of the local leaders are understood to have interviewed him during his stay at the Race View. He is reported to have stressed on the value of military training

and suggested the opening of a Military College in Mysore.

Hassan District:

Rate Payers' Association
" - ಚೆನ್ನರಾಯಪಟ್ಟಣ - ".

A new Association was formed at Channarayapatna on the 14th July 1941 with Messrs. Ramakrishna Setty -President, C.Venkatramiah - Treasurer, A.N. Lakshminarayana Rao and G.V. Nanjundiah - Joint Secretaries. The organisers intend to get the Association registered in due course. Membership is restricted to the residents of Channarayapatna and the object of the Association is to improve and offer suggestions to the Town Municipality. About 50 to 60 persons are understood to have so far enrolled themselves as members each paying an annual subscription of 4 annas.

Shimoga District:

Shivaji Sangha, Shimoga.

A private meeting of the Directors of the above Sangha was held at Shimoga on the 20th instant when the organisers resolved to celebrate the "Ganapathi Feast and the procession" and raise subscriptions therefor to the extent of about Rs.600/-.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS OF WAR AND ARREST.

Bangalore District:

Italian Prisoners of War - M.Cannella (No.103347) who was a mental patient in the P.O.W. Hospital at Jalahalli and who absconded from the Camp was found near Byaderhalli and arrested on the 23rd July 1941 by the Bangalore Taluk Police. The Major Staff Officer No.I Group of P.O.W. Camp took charge of the arrested prisoner and escorted him back to the Camp.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

Mr. K.S. Kumaran (externee from Bangalore District) who is staying in Mysore, was granted permission for 3 days to visit Bangalore in connection with his father's illness. He is reported to have arrived in Bangalore on the 22nd July and returned to Mysore on the morning of the 25th instant.

M.S. Rama Rao of Nanjangud left for Chunchunkatte (Krishnarajanagar taluk) on the 17th instant and is staying in the Anatha Ashrama there.

The services of K. Rama Rao (externee from Mysore District) who was employed in the Hindusthan Aircraft Co., Ltd., were dispensed with on the 23rd instant on account of an adverse report against him.

It is reported that Kembuswamy (externee from Mysore District) has been employed in Durga Works, Narasimharaja Road, Bangalore City. Suleman, another externee, at the Military Barracks as Driving Instructor, near Ulsur Church, C & M Station, Bangalore; Parameswaran Nair (deportee) in the Military at Madras and Ramaswamy (another deportee) as Job Painter in Arkonam.

Kenchappa, Syed Abdulla and Narayanaswami are reported to be unemployed and Arasu, staying at Kollegal looking after his lands.

ABDUL LATIFF,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Annexure to S.B.A.30/41 for W.E.26-7-41. -

THE A.M.C.C. SESSION AT CHICKBALLAPUR.

Printed leaflets were distributed in the Town announcing the programme of events of the A.M.C.C. meeting from the 18th to the 20th inclusive.

18-7-41 - 6-30 p.m. to 7-40 p.m.

Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress was taken in procession in a decorated double bullock cart drawn by two pairs of bullocks, through the principal streets of the town accompanied by music. Though there was no organised batch of volunteers, a few congressmen including boys led by Sarvagna Murthi and Gangi Reddi (Congressmen of Kolar) kept on crying congress slogans.

19-7-41 & 20-7-41: The Congress and the Mysore flags were hoisted simultaneously in front of the Congress Camp (Venkatrayaraju's choultry) on the morning of each day before the commencement of the proceedings, the first day by Messrs. H. Siddiah and S. Nijalingappa and on the second day by Messrs. T. Siddalingaiah and K. Chengalraya Reddi, respectively. They also made short speeches on both the occasions on the significance of the flags and the objective of the Mysore Congress, Viz., the establishment of Responsible Government in the State.

The A.M.C.C. commenced their deliberations on the afternoon of the 19th instant and continued till the next day noon. Admission to the session was restricted by the issue of tickets at the rate of one anna per head.

The following five official (original) resolutions were finally adopted:

1) Urging for a change in the present system of Government for the establishment of Responsible Government and the need for a State-wide propaganda and support of the Constructive programme of work.

2) All Congress Committees to take up the above programme of work on an extensive and intensive scale throughout the State.

3) Constituting a labour committee, with power to co-opt, to go into the Labour question and suggest administrative and legislative measures towards the Welfare of the labourers and place the preliminary report before the next A.M.C.C.

4) Constituting a committee with power to co-opt, to study the conditions of life in the Irwin Canal area and suggest ameliorative measures and to issue their report within three months.

5) Urge on the withdrawal of deportation and other prohibitory orders on Messrs. N.S. Shankar, K.S. Kumaran, C.B. Monniah, Phillips, and other persons.

A number of amendments were proposed in connection with each one of the resolutions (except the fifth) and a large number of persons (as noted in the enclosed list) participated in the deliberations. The members of the Working Committee, mostly, Messrs. K.Pattabhiraman, K.T. Bhashyam, H.C. Dasappa, T. Subramanyam, K. Hanumanthia, S.Rangaramia,

Sowcar Channiah, S. Nijalingappa and the President gave convincing explanations and urged the withdrawal of most of the amendments, while the remaining were lost when put to vote. All the amendments having fallen through, the main resolutions were passed by a over-whelming majority, the voice of the Working Committee prevailing uppermost, throughout.

An article published in the Karnataka Bandhu dated 25-6-41 containing allegations against the Congress party members in the Representative Assembly was the subject matter of discussion by the house and this was explained away by Mr. H.C. Dasappa as being baseless and not calling for any action.

An adjournment motion relating to the constitution of a bye-law committee was another subject taken up and on which the Working Committee decided that the same would be considered from all aspects and placed before the next A.M.C.C. for discussion.

Another interesting feature was about the inclusion of Messrs. N.D. Shankar, K.S. Kumaran and A.Z. Sheriff in the list of members to the A.M.C.C. After a controversial and long discussion, Mr. Bhashyam tactfully brought in a resolution in this behalf making provision for including the names of these three persons in the vacant places caused by the resignation of Messrs. S.Nijalingappa, Sowcar Channiah and Boranna Gowda to the A.M.C.C. (They, however, will continue on the Working Committee). The house adopted the resolution. The resignation of Mr. K. Pattabhiraman for the Secretary-ship of the Working Committee was also under controversy in this connection. This point was also overcome and he was again re-elected to the Working Committee as General Secretary.

The following persons were announced to constitute the members of the respective committees:-

Constructive Sub-Committee: Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, N.C. Thimma Reddi, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, M. Govinda Reddi, K. Changalraya Reddy, T. Mariappa, K.T. Sathyanarayana Setty and Mariswami Hirematt.

Labour Committee: Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, S. Nijalingappa, B.N. Boranna Gowda, T. Subramanyam and K.Pattabhiraman(Convenor).

Committee to concert remedial measures to Malaria: Messrs. S. Rangaramiah, Sowcar Channiah, Dr. Pashupathi Rao, A.G. Bandi Gowda and H.K. Veeranna Gowda (Convenor).

It was noticed that the fifth official resolution was not published in the printed list, but was moved at the last stage by Mr. S. Nijalingappa and this was unanimously passed.

All ø non-official resolutions were left out for want of time and the Working Committee explained that they would take each one of them for consideration separately. Many of the speakers indulged in their usual mode of criticisms against the Government and the authorities in the course of discussions.

Attended by the members of the A.M.C.C. there was a public meeting at Chickballapur on the 19th instant under the presidentship of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi. Messrs. H.C. Dasappa,

S. Rangaramiah, K.T. Bhashyam, T. Subramanyam and the President spoke among other matters about the present political situation and their proposal to carry on their constructive programme of work. Some of them, besides, criticised the administration and made personal references to Mr. G. Sundara Rao, the then Deputy Commissioner of Kolar and Sir Mirza Ismail, Ex-Dewan of Mysore. The effect of the speeches appears to have been fairly good. Being a shandy day, the gathering consisted of about 400 persons.

List of persons who participated in the A.M.C.C. Session.

Messrs.

1) H.Siddiah (Pr)
2) K.T. Bhashyam,
3) H.C. Dasappa,
4) T. Subramanyam,
5) K.Chengalraya Reddi,
6) K. Pattabhiraman,
7) K.R. Madhava Rao,
8) B.P. Basappa Setti,
9) Bagamane Dyave Gowda,
10) S. Rangaramia,
11) Sowcar Channiah,
12) K. Hanumanthia,
13) T. Siddalingiah,
14) S. Nijalingappa,
15) B.N. Boranna Gowda,
16) C.K. Balakrishna,
17) Sarvagna Murthi,
18) Gangi Reddi,
19) K. Raghavendra Rao,
20) Gudibanda Rama Rao,
21) K.J. Sathyanarayana Setti,
22) Bhadranna,
23) Henjerappa,
24) Thare Gowda,
25) N.C. Thimma Reddi,
26) M.N. Jois,
27) M. Doreswami,
28) V.S. Narayana Rao,
29) K. Shyamaraja Iyengar,
30) Palahalli Sitaramiah,
31) M.C. Guru,
32) C.V. Dhruva,
33) Ramachandra Setti,
34) E.P. Nanjappa,
35) K.V. Subramanya Swami,
36) R.S. Aradhya,
37) A. Subbaraya Setti,
38) Ramaswami,
39) S. Vasudev Rao &
a few others.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....**District.**

For week ending 2nd August 1941.

The following matters should be reported on:—

(*a*) Political.
(*b*) Social and Economic.
(*c*) Religious.
(*d*) Government Officers.
(*e*) Foreigners.
(*f*) Press.
(*g*) Agrarian unrest.
(*h*) Proscribed literature.
(*i*) Drama and Cinemas.
(*j*) Smuggling.
(*k*) Miscellaneous.

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District Superintendent of Police.
Special Branch in Mysore.

SUBJECT.

359/CB.

Special Branch Abstract received from the Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, for the week ending 2nd August 1941.

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8/41 Finance and Revenue Minister. 11.8

8/41 Law Minister. 6-8-41

8/41 Education Minister. 8-8-41

7/41 Local Self-Govt. and Public Health Minister. 9.8.41

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 2nd August 1941.

POLITICAL.

Congress Movement.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

The resignation of Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty to the Secretaryship of the City Congress has been accepted and Mr. Sridhar is appointed in his place. Messrs. H. Siddiah and K. Chengalraya Reddy are likely to be prevailed upon him (K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty) to withdraw his resignation to the membership of the Mysore Congress lest he should expose their secrets. This is, however, referred to the Working Committee.

Hassan District:

Mr. B. Venkataranga Setty, a Congressman, was elected Vice-President of the Konanur Municipality in Arkalgud Taluk.

Shimoga District:

Mr. N.G. Rudrappa (Congress) has been selected the Whip of the Congress Party of the Assembly members from Shimoga District.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

At a meeting of the City Congressmen held in the Congress Office on the 26th July, the members adopted certain resolutions urging that reminders be sent, (1) to the Congress party of the City Municipality for exempting the Secretary and the President of the City Congress from subscribing to the party funds and (2) to the President of the Mysore Congress requesting him to forward a copy of the resolutions passed at the A.M.C.C. Session held at Chickballapur.

About 25 members of the Congress Party of the Representative Assembly met in the Congress Office on the 26th July and discussed the subjects that are to be sent to the ensuing Dasara Session of the Assembly.

The Executive Committee of the above party have so far adopted five resolutions urging for 1) the appointment of non-official Presidents to all Municipalities in the State, 2) the formation of a Committee to go into the question of expenditure in all branches of administration, 3) Making provision for the relief of the ryots and labourers, 4) Abolition of the system of nomination to the elected bodies and reservation of seats for members of the Depressed Classes, 5) Formation of a Committee to ensure purity in the elections.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is expected to meet at Bangalore on the 23rd August and is likely to consider the observance of "Responsible Government Day" on the 1st September.

The Bangalore District Congress Committee is likely to meet shortly to discuss matters regarding the collection of funds , materials and selection of a suitable place for the ensuing Congress Convention.

Mr. Sridhar, who is appointed as Hindi Teacher in the Rashtriya Hindi Vidyasala at Visveswarapuram and Joint Secretary to organise branches in the City, has in pursuance of a resolution ~~xxx~~ adopted at an ordinary meeting on the 25th instant, approached Mrs. Annapurnamma and few others of Cubbonpet and Srirampuram Rate Payers' Association, in order to open branches of Hindi classes. The meeting further resolved to request the City Municipality to allot a portion of the grant of Rs.1000/- sanctioned for Hindi studies. It is under contemplation to affiliate this private institution to the South India Hindi Prachar Sangha.

Hassan District:

The District Congress Committee held a meeting ~~xx~~ under the presidentship of Panchakshariah on the 27th July in the house of Mr. A.G. Ramachandra Rao, when they discussed about the accounts of last year.

Shimoga District:

Mr. Konanur, a member of the K.P.C.C. Dharwar, visited Thirthahalli on the 28th July and with the help of local congressmen Messrs. K. Raghavendra Rao, Gopala Krishna Kamath and Gnanendra Prabhu of the Hindu Maha Sabha, collected subscriptions to the extent of about Rs.8/- towards the Gokak Girini Strike Fund. (Belgaum Dist.)

GENERAL.

The Mysore Congress have arranged to celebrate " Tilak Day " between the 1st and 3rd instant, at several places in the State. In this connection the Congress Committee of the C & M Station, Bangalore, have invited Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, K. Chengalraya Reddy and other leading congressmen to participate in the celebrations in the C & M Station.

In furtherance of a resolution passed at the A.M.C.C. meetings held at Chickballapur on the 19th and 20th ~~xxx~~ July last, to carry on the Constructive Programme of work, etc., Mr. H. Siddiah, the President of the Mysore Congress and other leaders have decided on a propaganda tour through the State during the month.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Chitaldrug District:

Under the presidentship of Mr. S. Nijalingappa, a public meeting (gathering about 250) was held at Davangere on the 26th July as a sequel to the presidential election to the Town Municipality, Mr. Siddaramanna (Independent) having come out successful defeating the Congress candidate, Mr. G. Virappa.

Messrs. Kasalu Srinivasa Setty, G. Virappa, Bondede Hanumantha Rao and Vasappa Gogi while addressing the gathering, among other matters, criticised the action of the Sub Division Officer for his alleged interference in the elections. They complained that the meeting took place in the house of the Sub Division Officer and criticised the appointment of non-official ministers. A resolution was also adopted condemning the action of the Sub Division Officer, (Mr. B. Beerappa) and urging that ~~that~~ the matter should be brought to the notice of the Government and cause a reasonable enquiry in the matter in the interest of public justice.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Shimoga District:

A Condolence resolution on the demise of Mr. Bhoopalam Rukmia was passed on the 25th July at a private meeting of the Hindu Maha Sabha held in Shimoga under the presidentship of Mr. Gannendra Prabhu. An appeal was made to his sons for contributing funds to the Sabha in order to enable them to carry on a State-wide propaganda and to open branches.

ANTI-DRINK.

Bangalore City:

Under the auspices of the Mysore State Temperance League, a Temperance Exhibition was opened at the Labour Colony, Srirampuram, on the 27th July by K. Muthusami, a member of the said association. The exhibits consisted of cartoons depicting the evils of drink.

Under the presidentship of Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa, President of the Bangalore City Municipality, a meeting attended by about 200 labourers was held the same evening, at which Messrs. R.R. Keithan, K.T. Bhashyam, and the President spoke on the evils of drink. The President assured the labourers that the City Municipal Council would do their best to improve their conditions.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

At a labour meeting held under the presidentship of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, on 27th July, Mr. Puttashankarappa (Vice-President of the Labour Union) expressed regret at the apathy of the labourers towards the Union. Mr. Bhashyam expressed that ~~%~~ while he had no objection for the formation of separate Unions for the various Mills, he would not at the same time prevent any person from ~~%~~ being a member of more than one Union. He also advised the workers of the Binny' Mills not to accept ~~if it is~~ less than 10%. He was at a loss, he said, to know why the Management of the Binny's Mills had decided not to pay bonus for 10 of the workers and ~~[illegible]~~ observed that if they should persist in the same, the workers would have to resort to another strike. He was of opinion that he was not completely happy ~~[illegible]~~ at the appointment of a Minister for Labour for, "he was not responsible to the people."

The Management and about 170 workers of the Binny's Mills discussed at a meeting of the Welfare Committee on the 30th July the question of payment of "Perfect Attendance Bonus" to a few workers who could not resume work earlier for want of sufficient notice. The latter seem to have decided not to press the claim as being unfair.

The Management have since announced an increase in wages to the night-shift workers, and enhancement of the period of maternity leave to women workers. The bonus is expected to be paid by about the 15th August.

The Mysore State Industrial Workers' and Labour Union's Members' Conference is expected to be held at Bangalore at the end of the month under the presidentship of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam. Mr. P.R.K. Sharma of Madras is likely to

inaugurate the same.

In the same connection, the Executive Committee of the Textile Labour Union is expected to mee on the 10th August in Mr. Bhashyam's ~~xxxxx~~ garden.

Kolar Gold Fields:

A labour meeting was held at Marikuppam on the 25th July attended by about 300 persons. A.T. Lakshmana Modaliyar and Perumal spoke on the constitutio of the Labour Union and other allied matters appealing t the workers to strengthen their organisation.

Consequent on an accident by fire at the 53rd level - McTagger's Shaft, Mysore Mine, on the 29th July, the Coolies who were not allowed to go underground that noon, went for work the next day.

RELIGIOUS.

Inter Communal Affairs.

Shimoga District:

Due to strained feelings between the Khaji and the other Muslims of Shimoga on account of the former having officiated as a priest in the marriage of a member of the Quadiani sect at Ayannur (Vide S.B.A.28/41 page 178), action was taken by the First Class Magistrate, Shimoga, under section 144 Cr.P.C. preventing the said Khaji Syed Fakruddin from leading prayers in the Mosque for a period of 2 months.

The Muslims have, therefore, appointed a new Pesh Imam (Khaji) to conduct prayers. The First Class Magistrate, Shimoga, has directed the Khaji to go to a Civil Court and seek redress.

Chitaldrug District:

A copy of the printed memorial signed by Mr. Sheriff, Advocate, and others of Harihar, addressed to the Minister for Finance and Revenue was received by the Harihar Police, the cover bearing the postal seal dated 25-7-41 of Bangalore.

The memorial purports to rescind the orders as regards " The shifting of Kumbargeri Mosque " at Harihar pending final orders of Government in the matter.

It is ascertained that no local Mohammeden of Harihar has signed the memorial ~~xxxx~~ and that a letter has been addressed to Sharifs of Mecca, seeking for opinion whether a mosque could be shifted or abolished.

FOREIGNERS.

Shimoga District:

Mr. Phillip Talbot of the American Institute of Current Affairs (mentioned in the last week's report) and Mr. R.R. Keithan of the Labour Colony, Malleswaram, visited the Iron Works, Paper & Cement Factories at Bhadravathi on the 25th July in connection with Welfare Work.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

Shimoga District:

Orders under section 144 Cr.P.C. were promulgated by the local authorities at Shimoga preventing Syed Khaji Fakruddin, (Pesh Imam) from leading prayers in the Jumma Mosque for a period of 2 months. It is reported that this was resorted to owing to strained feelings between the Khaji and the local Muslims who resented the former's action in having officiated as a priest in the marriage of a Quadiani at Ayannur.

Chitaldrug District:

With a view to preventing breach of the peace during " Garuda Panchami Festival " at Harihar, the ex-officio First Class Magistrate, Davangere, passed orders under section 45 Mysore Police Act on 24-7-41 prohibiting the conduct of all processions, etc., without a licence for a period of eight days.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

K.S. Kumaran (externee from Bangalore District) arrived in Bangalore on the 31st in connection with the demise of his father. It is ascertained that he has obtained the necessary permission to enter the City.

M.S. Rama Rao, another externee, is employed as a Teacher in the Anatha Ashrama at Chunchankatte, Krishnarajanagar Taluk. (Mysore District).

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,)
4-8-41.)

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore
Bangalore.

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S.B.A. *No.* 32/41 *dated* 11th August *194* 1.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit herewith ...lation of Government, the Special ...t No.32/41 in triplicate, for the ...turday, the 9th August 1941.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

U. K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract received from the District Superintendent of Police for the week ending Saturday the 9th August 1941.

DEWAN'S OFFICE

NO. 1228 *Submitted for perusal.*

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29/8 Finance and Revenue Minister. 14/8/41 14.8.41

21/8 Law Minister.

60/41 Education Minister. 14.8.41

0/41 Local Self-Govt. and Public Health Minister. 25.8.41

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending...9th August 1941.

The following matters should be reported o

(*a*) Political.
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S.B.A.32/41. Special Branch Abstract
for the W.E. Saturday, the 9th Aug. 41.
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POLITICAL.

Congress Movement. -

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

The following are selected Office-bearers of the Hindi Sikshana Samithi, Visveswarapuram;-Messrs. K.M. Ramaswamy,-President; K.R. Sridharan and Sivananda Sharma,-Secretaries; K. Shamarajiengar, K. Ganga Setty, D. Krishniah Setty and M.N. Sitharamiah - Members.

Chitaldrug District:

Messrs. Virabasappa and Bheemappa Naik are elected Secretaries of the Congress Party in the Chitaldrug Town Municipal Council.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

In connection with the Constructive Programme of work, the Mysore Congress have proposed to open four centres,- 1) at the garden of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam near Kengeri to be managed by Mr. Adirajiah of Magadi, 2) at Birur, Mr. K.T. Sathyanarayana Setty, 3) at Arasikere, by D.V. Ramaswamy & 4) at a village near Tumkur, by Mr. Henjerappa.

These centres are expected to take up the fixing of village boundaries, Village Sanitation (borehole latrines), Khadi Spinning, etc., and give effect to the programme after the completion of the presidential tour by about the end of the month.

A branch of the Hindi Sikshana Samithi, Visveswarapuram, is expected to be opened at Kalamandira, Ulsoorgate, on the 10th instant by Mr. L.S. Raju.

Mr. Viswamitra of the Hindi Prachar Sabha said to be a rival organisation to the above said Samithi, is reported to be carrying on anti-propaganda.

Hassan District:

The Congressmen of Arasikere intend inviting Mr. H. Siddiah to their place and accord him a reception.

Shimoga District:

Mr. K. Pattabhiraman who arrived in Shimoga on propaganda tour visited Thirthahalli, Ripponpet, Sagar and other places during the week and collected about Rs.190/- towards the Congress Fund.

Tumkur District:

The District Congress Committee met under the presidentship of Mr. Mallimariappa at Tumkur on the 3rd instant, discussed the subjects to be sent to the ensuing sessions of the Representative Assembly.

The President of the Mysore Congress has

programmed a tour in the District from the 10th to the 21st instant inclusive.

Kolar District:

The Taluk Congress Committee, Kolar, which met on the 3rd August discussed as to how best they could carry on the Constructive Programme of work and enrol members to the Congress.

Elections to the Municipal Vice-Presidentship.

Doctor Lakshminarasimhiah, a Congress Candidate, came out successful in the Vice-Presidential election to the Kankanhalli Town Municipal Council and Similarly, Messrs. Venkata Subba Setty at Chamarajanagar and B. Basappa, at Gundlupet came out successful. At Holenarasipur, a non-congressman, Mr. Mohamed Ali Beig came out successful.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

" TILAK DAY "

At the Mysore Congress Office, the Congressmen led by Mr. V.S. Narayana Rao celebrated the ' Tilak Day ' on the 1st instant. The local Congressmen of Shimoga, Holenarasipur and Maradihalli, the Tilak Tharuna Sangha of Davangere and the students of the Veerasaiva hostel at Tumkur similarly observed the ' Day ' and took photos of Mr. Tilak in procession at some of these places.

Public meetings were also held in the same connection on the 1st instant at Mysore, Shimoga, Holenarasipur, Davangere, Maradihalli and Tumkur and on the 3rd instant at Bangalore City; the local Congressmen at each place (as noted in the annexure) spoke among other matters on the life and achievements of late Mr. Tilak.

Mr. H.C. Dasappa in the course of his speech at Mysore contrasted the Sedition case in which the late Mr. Tilak had been convicted with the cases put up against him (speaker) and the other lawyers under the Legal Practitioners' Act; he incidentally remarked that the Chief Justice passed unnecessary remarks against them and that the persons at Sevagram were surprised to hear that Mr. Reilly still continued as Chief Justice in Mysore.

There was a Congress meeting at Bannur on the 4th instant at which Messrs. Mohamed Peer Sab (President) M.N. Jois, S. Rangaramiah, S. Channiah and H.C. Dasappa criticised the policy of administration and exhorted the people to lend support to the Municipal Council with a view to improve their conditions.

HINDU MAHA SABHA.

Bangalore City:-

After interviewing Dr. B.S. Moonjie, Mr. Vajapeyam Venkatesiah is understood to have discussed with some of the prominent merchants in the City regarding the organisation of a Hindu Maha Sabha in Bangalore. Mr. M.N. Seetharamiah, a Congressman, appears to have been also prevailed upon in this behalf.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

The labour leaders seem to have been discontented with the provisions of the draft bill of the Trade Disputes Act in so far as they relate to the imposition of certain restrictions on strikes. Before it becomes law some of the labourers desire to have some benefits from the Management while a section of them intend resorting to strike if the 8 workmen in the Binny's Mills are not given the bonus. All of them interviewed the Assistant to the Labour Commissioner on the 2nd instant. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is also understood to have recommended to the Management and the Labour Commissioner the grant of bonus to the said 8 workers in the Binny's Mills. On the night of the 2nd instant Mr. Bhashyam while talking to some of them seems to have expressed his indifference towards the warning of deportation given to him by the District Magistrate, Bangalore District, for his subversive activities in connection with the labour situation.

Later, at a meeting of the Welfare Union on the 4th instant, the Welfare Superintendent Mr. Ealing explained that bonus would be paid after the 15th instant and that 9 of the workers who are on probation and one dismissed worker (Puttashankarappa, D. Venkatesh and 8 others including Chengam Raju - dismissed worker) would not get it. In this connection, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam appears to have interviewed the Minister for Law.

Mysore Spinning Mills.

Some of the workers of the above Mills have been advised by Mr. Bhashyam, to address the Secretary of their Mills' Society to get the bye-laws amended so that they might capture seats in the Executive Committee of the Society.

The Srirampur Labour Union observed ' Tilak Day ' on the 2nd instant when Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam, Sampangiramiah, Malavalli Virappa and Munisami of the Mysore Mills, addressed a meeting and referring to other matters, exhorted the labourers to join the Congress.

Mr. P.M. Rama Sharma who intends to open an association for the Minerva Mill Workers had arranged for a public meeting on the 8th instant.

Two labour meetings were held on the 6th and 7th instant at which Messrs. Puttashankarappa, Vice President, D. Venkatesh, Secretary of the Labour Union and a few other workers addressed on labour problems.

In connection with the State Industrial Workers' Conference which is expected to come off in the last week of the month, Mr. T.L.A. Acharya, the Convenor and the members of the Executive Committee of the labour Union intend meeting at Mr. Bhashyam's gardens on the 10th instant.

Shimoga District:

As arranged by Mr. K.S. Ramachandra Setty, Secretary of the Labour Union, Bhadravathy, a free Reading

Room was opened at Bhadravathi on the 3rd instant by Mr. K. Pattabhiraman of Kolar. The same evening Messrs. Pattabhiraman and H. Siddiah addressed a gathering (mostly consisting of labourers). The former observed that the Government were taking a superficial view of the strikes and that the conditions of labourers were unsatisfactory, Etc. The latter explained that the congress was exposing the defects of the administration with a view to set them right.

Kolar Gold Fields:

The Surface Coolies of the Champion Reef Mine who approached the Chief Engineer and the Superintendent for increments in wages were informed by the latter that the cases of those who did not get increments recently would be considered next month.

Mr. P.R.K. Sharma of Madras who visited Bowringpet on the 3rd instant appears to have explained to Govindaraj and a-bout 20 other labourers the benefits of of the new Labour Legislation in Mysore which safeguarded the interests of the labourers and also indicated the willingness of the Government to co-operate in the promotion of Labour Unions in all the Industrial centres in the State. About 100 labourers who met him at the Harijan Hostel were also advised to co-operate in the formation of the Union. After meeting Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi, he is reported to have left for Madras the same night.

On the morning of the 4th instant the Coolies of the Nandydroog Mine urged the enhancement of wages due to increase in prices of food-stuffs and refused to go underground though the Superintendent of the Mine said that he would examine the question and intimate result after consulting the other Superintendents. About 40 or 50 of them threw stones on the roof of the Shaft and persuaded the workers in the work-shops to come out. They were persuaded by the Police to disperse.

Later by 12 noon, Kutti Krishna Nair, Doreraj, Lakshman Modaliyar and Indra Raj addressed the gathering of about 1000 labourers near the Oriental Lines advising them to resume work for the afternoon shift, which they did. In the course of the same evening, Govindarajalu addressed a gathering of about 500 labourers announcing the visit of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma again on the 11th instant to Kolar Gold Fields. Lakshmana Modaliyar objected to the attitude taken by the Coolies of the Nandydroog Mine that morning.

At two other labour meetings held on the 5th & 6th instant respectively, attended by about 600 labourers, A.T. Lakshman Modaliyar (President), Kutti Krishna Nair, Indraraj, Royappan, Govindarajalu, Mahima Nathan, Perumal, Narayanaswami, etc., spoke among other matters about the concessions they were able to get so far and exhorted their co-workers to work for the formation of the Union, subscribe liberally in this connection and not to resort to strike without the knowledge of the Union.

Printed notices have been issued in all the Mines announcing an increase in attendance bonus, grant of half-yearly clothing allowance, leave with pay, Etc.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

With reference to the petition of some Hindus of Harihar addressed to the Dewan, Ministers and the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, praying for the early opening of the Mosque and to get the Hindu processions performed, the Deputy Commissioner, has issued an endorsement stating that necessary arrangements would be made for the same according to the compromise on the opening of the new Mosque early in September next.

FOREIGNERS.

K.K. Nair, a Sathyagrahi, from North Malabar who had gone to Ananthapur with 2 others (referred to in S.B.A. 30/41, page 187) is reported to have returned due to indifferent health, to Bangalore. He went to Kuppam on the 8th instant after obtaining monetary help from the Mysore Congress Office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City:

In connection with the demise of Dr. Tagore the merchants of Bangalore have arranged to observe 'Hartal' on the 9th instant and to convene a public meeting on the evening of the same day.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

Mr. K.S. Kumaran, externee from Bangalore District who arrived in Bangalore from Mysore on the 31st July, has been permitted to stay at Bangalore till the 17th instant to perform his father's funeral obsequies.

Mr. N.D. Shankar of Nagamangala who arrived in Mysore from Mandya on the 4th instant left for Chunchunkatte on the 6th instant to meet Mr. M.S. Rama Rao of Nanjangud.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

M.S. Rama Rao, a local Communist externed from Bangalore District has been ordered by the Government under sub-rules (1) & (5) of rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, to be detained in the District Lock-up at Shimoga. He had since shifted himself from Nanjangud to Srirampur near Chunchunkatte where he was served with the orders of detention on the morning of the 8th instant and sent to Jail under escort.

The Government while withdrawing their previous orders against the under-mentioned ex-employees of the Mysore State Railway externing them from Mysore District, have under section 4 of the Mysore Public Security Act further prohibited them until further orders to enter or be or pass over or loiter in the vicinity of the Central Railway Workshops at Mysore.

* 1) Syed Abdulla, 2) Madhuralingam, 3) K. Kenchappa, 4) K. Rama Rao, 5) Sulaiman, 6) A.N. Channaraj Urs, 7) M.Kembyswami, 8) Narayanaswami & 9) Hanumiah.

PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.

The marginally noted* three individuals were prosecuted under rule 8 Cl.(2) & (4) of the Defence of India Rules for having been found without passes in the Prisoners' of War Camp on the 13th July. The City Magistrate, Bangalore, convicted and sentenced each of them on 31-7-41 to S.I. till the rising of the Court and fine of Rs.10/-.

1) Nagesh Rao,)
2) Gopala Rao &)
3) Narayana Rao)

PRISONERS OF WAR - ESCAPE AND ARREST.

The undermentioned* prisoners' of war who had absconded are reported to have been since re-captured:—

Nos. 1 to 4 at Ananthapur, No.5 at Pondicherry, & No.6 near the P.O.W. Camp.

* 1) No.1758 - Lt. MENATO OTTONE.
2) " 31116 - II Lt. BRENTAN OREZZO.
3) " 1703 - II Lt. BUONACCORSI APRSNO.
4) " 1733 - II Lt. TARANTINO MARIO.
5) " 1612 - Lt. EMARCUZZI .
6) " -- - SOLDATAL NEGOSSI ALFREDO.

Bangalore,)
D:11-8-41.)

U.K. SOMAPPA,
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Annexure.

Vide reference to page 198 - Public meetings in connection with " Tilak Day. "

Date & Place.	Speakers. Messrs.
Bet. 1st & 3rd August 1941. Mysore.	H.C. Dasappa, B. Narayanaswami, Agaram Rangiah, S. Rangaramiah, K. Seshadri, & P. Sitharamiah.
Shimoga.	H. Siddiah, S.V. Krishna Murthy, R.K. Jayathirtha Char, S.R. Nagappa Setty, H.S. Rudrappa & K. Pattabhiraman.
Kolenarasipur.	Gundu Ramiah, Suryanarayana Setty.
Davangere:	Kasalu Srinivasa Setty, Jade Krishna Rao, Shivaji Gowda, Vira Setty, Srinivasa Char, & Ananthasami
Maradihalli:	Shivanatha Sastri, Govinda Reddi, Narasimhiah, Sitharama Reddi & a few others.
Tumkur:	R.S. Aradhya.
Bangalore City:	W.H. Hanumanthappa, M.N. Sitharamiah

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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From (Name) U.K. SOMAPPA, ESQ., B.A.,

(Designation) District Superintendent of Police, Special Branch in Mysore,

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SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstruct for the week ending Saturday, the 16th Aug.41.

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urday, the 16th August 1941.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

K. K. Somappa

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending...16th August 1941.....

The following matters should be reported on:—

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District Superintendent of Police.
Special Branch in Mysore.

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 16th August 1941.

POLITICAL.

Congress Movement.

PERSONNEL.

Hassan District:

The newly constituted Congress Committee of Channarayapatna taluk consists of Messrs. Ankam Sanjivi Setty, President and C.N.Tilak, Secretary.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

With a view to run a Daily Newspaper or take over the " Visvakarnataka, " Mr. N.C. Thimma Red is reported to be visiting Mr. S.K. Venkatarangiengar, Advocate, Bangalore, for financial aid.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is expected to, go to Bombay to collect funds for the Mysore Congress.

Mr.K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty is likely to reconsider his resignation to the membership of the Mysore Congress as per decision of the Working Committee which is expected to meet on the 23rd instant.

Mr. L.S. Raju opened the Hindi Class for ladies at Kalamadiran on the 10th instant. Mrs. Janakamma is in charge of this Centre.

Bangalore District.:

A sum of Rs.10/- was paid towards the Congress Fund by Thimmaraya Reddi of Samandoor in Anekal taluk on the eve of his marriage on the 8th instant. Messrs. K. Hanumanthia, N.C. Thimma Reddy and K. Pattabhiraman are learnt to have attended the marriage.

Hassan District:

The Congress Party of the Representative Assembly met in the house of Mr. A.G. Ramachandra Rao on the 10th instant and discussed some subjects to be sent for discussion at the Assembly.

They also resolved to open a Charka Depot at Kantharajapura in Channarayapatna taluk.

Kadur District:

Mr. Seshagiri Rao Naik, ex-Secretary of the South Kanara District Congress Committee arrived at Chickmagalur on the 8th August and left for Ranibennur on foot the next day to offer Sathyagraha in British India.

Shimoga District:

The District Congress Committee resolved at a private meeting under the presidentship of Mr. N.C.Ramaswamy Setti on the 10th instant to examine the proposal of opening a Khadi Centre at Nyamathi.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. Sannaningappa (Congressman) has been elected Vice-president of the Mayakonda Municipality.

Tumkur District:

The marginally noted* amounts appear to have been presented so far to the President of the Mysore Congress during his tour in the District.

*(Rs.101/- each at Tiptur, Thimmanahalli & Chicknaikanahalli; Rs.12-8-0 at Honnavalli; Rs.2/- at Yedagarahalli; Rs.2/- at Mathihalli; Rs.11-4-0 at Biligere; Rs.35/- at Sasalu & Rs.3-12-0 at Halagona

The tour is continuing.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

A series of condolence meetings in connection with the demise of Dr. Tagore were held during the week mostly participated by the Congressmen. Partial hartal was also observed in Bangalore and Kankanhalli. At the close of the meeting at Champion Reef, some Coolies cried out " Mahatma Gandhi ki Jai, etc.," which was objected to by Ekambaram and V.P. Raju (Justice Party) and as a result of which Dorai and Masilamani assaulted some people of the Justice Party. A complaint has been made to the Police.

A Congress meeting was held at Arasikere on the 10th intant under the presidentship of Mr. Ananta Singh, at which Messrs. K. Hanumanthia, K.T. Bhashyam and the president spoke generally on the recent reforms criticising the appointment of non-official ministers, etc. The audience (about 250) were also exhorted to prepare themselves for sacrifice to achieve Responsible Government.

The propaganda tour of Mr. H. Siddiah, the President of the Mysore Congress, commenced in the Tumkur District from the 10th instant as previously arranged. Messrs H. Siddiah, H.K. Viranna Gowda, T. Subramanyam, B.C. Nanjundiah and a few others visited the marginally noted(*) places and convened public meetings on the dates noted against them. The first three persons named in order, among other matters, criticised the Government in nominating the two non-official ministers. Mr. H.K. Viranna Gowda criticised at Tiptur that the Government merely put on an outward show but intrinsically did no work. Speaking at Chicknaikanahalli he expressed that the present administration had become " [illegible] "

The speeches appear to have made some impression on the audience at some places.

(*) 10-8-41 Tiptur; 11-8-41 Honnavalli, Yedagarahalli, Biligere, Mathihalli, Halagona, Chicknaikanahalli. 12-8-41 Thimmanahalli, Sasalu (Audience between 100 to 400)

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

As reported in the previous week, Mr. P.M. Ramasharma addressed a meeting of labourers (attended by about 50) on the 8th instant on the object and necessity

of forming an association of the Minerva Mills workers. Mr.T. Rangaswamy, Assistant to the Labour Commissioner explained to some of the workers the provisions of the Act intended to settle labour disputes.

The newly formed Association consists of Messrs. Nanjappa and B. Krishnappa as Joint Secretaries with instructions to collect funds.

Two other labour meetings were held on the 10th and 12th instant under the auspices of the Textile Labour Union (gathering 50 to 100). Messrs. Puttashankarappa, Kapaniah, Ramia, Chengalradhya, D. Venkatesh and a few others criticised Mr. Rama Sharma, implored the labourers not to desert the Labour Union and not to pay any heed to Mr. Rama Sharma who was only giving them false hopes.

In the matter of forming several associations, Mr. Bhashyam is expected to take a lead . He had conversation in this connection with Messrs. Gurujali T. Ramachandra, T.L.A. Acharya and other persons.

At a secret meeting of about half a dozen labourers of Binny's Mills on the 8th instant at the Srirampuram Branch of the Labour Union, they decided to observe complete cessation of work for about quarter of an hour on the date of payment of bonus in the event of failure to organise a strike and thus exhibit their discontentment for nonpayment of bonus to the ten workers on probation.

An anonymous letter from Mysore containing some grievances of the workers in the Railway Workshop, appears to have been received at the Labour Union Office.

The Binny's Mills were expected to distribute the War allowances on the 15th instant. There was a move to get apologies from the ten workers on probation and distribute the wages to them also.

Kolar Gold Fields:

The Coolies of Nandydroog Mine approache the Superintendent and asked for work to be given to them on the 10th instant, (Sunday) to compensate the loss sustained by them on the 4th instant due to strike. The Superintendent observing that they were in the habit of resorting to strike on frivolous grounds, told them he would consider the matter.

A labour meeting was held on the 11th instant attended by about 2000 labourers under the presidentship of A-T. Lakshman Modaliyar, at which Royappan, Mahimanathan, Govindaraja Modaliyar, Gnanamani, S.I. Perumal, Kannayappan and G. Narayanaswamy spoke about the Union. Royappan read out the resolutions regarding the grant of war allowance, cancellation of notices issued under the Mining Act and publication of Mr. Mathan's report etc. The President remarked sarcastically in his concluding speech that the Police Officers below the rank of the District Superintendent of Police were minor Gods and that labourers need not be afraid of them.

After the close of the meeting about 100 copies of the third page of Daily News dated 10-8-41 were sold at 3 pies each.

Lakshmana Modaliyar appears to have visited Bowringpet on the 12th instant expecting to meet Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and consult him on the selection of office-bearers to the Union. There is a move to appoint Mr. Sharma as the President on a pay of Rs.100/- in addition to the appointment of one Secretary on Rs.50/- or Rs.60/- and two or three clerks on Rs.15/- or Rs.20/-.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

Lingiah, a labour agitator externed from Bangalore District and the C & M Station, Bangalore, has proceeded to Tiruttani in Chittoor District on the 14th August.

N.D. Shankar who had gone to Srirampur near Chunchunkatte to visit M.S. Rama Rao, returned to Mysore on the 8th and left for Nagamangala the next day.

M.S. Rama Rao who was arrested on 8-8-41 under the Defence of India Dules was escorted to Shimoga Jail the same day for detention.

DEPORTATION ORDERS.

In pursuance of resolution No. S.51/3-P/41 dated the 10th July 1941 the Government of Sind deported Srikant Kanthia alias Kantilal, a resident of Sravanabelagola, Hassan District, from Karachi as an undesirable.

PROSECUTIONS.

Mr. M.A. Parasuram, ex-Secretary of the Textile Labour Union and a deportee from Mysore State was convicted by the City Magistrate, Bangalore, on the 12th August and sentenced to 3 months' R.I. u/s 34 Cl(2) of the Mysore Public Security Act for violating the deportation orders.

Mr. A.Z. Sheriff, externee from Bangalore District who was at Dharwar was served by the Government of Bombay with an order under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules on 29-7-41 to leave the province of Bombay within 24 hours. As he disobeyed the orders, he was arrested and convicted on 30-7-41 by the Additional District Magistrate, Dharwar, and sentenced to one year's R.I. under Rule 26 (1) (c) read with 26 (6) of the said Rules.

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Bangalore,)
D:18-8-41.)

U.K. SOMAPPA,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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To

Rajasevaprasakta
B.T. Kesavaiengar, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

S.B.A. No. 34/41. dated 25th August 194 1.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES. (3)

I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract, No.34/41, in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 23rd August 1941.

SPARE COPIES.....

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

K. A. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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Finance minister
Law minister
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

For week ending 23rd August 1941.

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District Superintendent of Police
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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending
Saturday, the 23rd August 1941.

POLITICAL.

Congress Movement.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore District:

The Bangalore District Congress Committee elected the following office-bearers for the coming year:- Messrs. T. Made Gowda - President, R.V. Bhadranna - Secretary and Treasurer, and K. Hanumanthia - Joint Secretary.

Messrs. T. Made Gowda, R.V. Bhadranna, V. Venkatappa and H.R. Guruva Reddy form the temporary Committee to consider the selection of suitable place to hold the Fifth Mysore Congress Convention.

Hassan District:

The reconstituted Congress Committee of Sravanabelagola consists of Messrs. Dodda Lakkappa - President, M.D. Doddalakkappa and Sanna Nanjappa - Secretaries, and 13 others - members. Among the thirteen members, one is in the District Board, another in the Representative Assembly and a third in the Legislative Council. The Committee has since decided to observe the " Charka Day. "

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

Mr. M.N. Sitharamia, intends to start a Weekly Newspaper with a view to pull up some of the leaders of the Mysore Congress and to voice the views of Extremist elements. He expects contributions from K.S. Kumaran, N.D. Shankar, K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty and some others.

The Labour Sub Committee of the Mysore Congress is expected to meet on the 23rd August and the Parliamentary Sub Committee, the next day, at Bangalore.

With a view to avoid unpleasantness in the Congress Circle, Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa, President of the City Municipal Council, has advised Mr. H.C. Dasappa not to take up the enquiry into the petitions presented by certain Congressmen who had complained against the Municipal Council. Mr. Hema Nanjundiah Setty, (Congressman) a Jeweller, appears to be one of such petitioners who has complained for refusal to grant him a license to construct a hotel in Chickpet.

The Bangalore District Congress Committee at its meeting on the 18th instant adopted some resolutions requesting the Government to withdraw the restrictions imposed on K.S. Kumaran, N.D. Shankar, A.Z. Sheriff and M.S. Rama Rao and congratulating them for their services. he appreciation of services rendered by A.Z. Sheriff has lso been recorded by another resolution.

The K.P.C.C. in their communication to the local Congress has demanded to pay up the dues towards the membership fees and then indent for fresh books.

On the question of participation of Congressmen in parties at which the Government Officers attend, Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy has expressed in the course of talks in the Congress Office that there need be no hard and fast rule. He has quoted the presence of Messrs. K.T. Bhashyam and W.H. Hanumanthappa at a party recently given by Mr. Walchand Hirachand.

K.R. Sridhar (Congressman), Secretary of the Hindi Sikshana Samithi, has announced the opening of Hindi Classes at several places in the City. There appears to be a move for grants from the Municipality since a rival organisation of Mr. Visvamitra is already getting the same.

Kadur District:

Mr. T. Rajappa (Congress) has come out successful in the Vice-Presidential election to the Tarikere Municipality defeating the independent candidate Mr. Basettappa.

Tumkur District:

A sum of Rs.439/- has so far been presented to the President of the Mysore Congress who is on tour in the District. - Rs.101/- each at Gubbi and Tumkur, Rs.51/- each at Koratagere and Kunigal, Rs.35/- at Sampige, Rs.18/- at Yeliyur, Rs.30/- at Kodigenahalli, Rs.10/- each at Tita and Thovinakere, Rs.25/- at Madhugiri, Rs.5/- at Doddahosahalli, Re.1/- each at Tadaga and Turuvekere.

The tour is continuing.

Kolar District:

An independent candidate Mr. K. Thimmaraju has been elected Vice President of the Town Municipality, Kolar.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Condolence meetings on the demise of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore were held in Shimoga and Chitaldrug, on the 15th and 17th instant respectively.

The President of the Town Municipality and the merchants of Tumkur presented addresses to Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress (on tour) on the 15th instant. Mr. N. Channappa, Congressman and President of the District Board, Tumkur, gave a Tea Party to Mr. H. Siddiah and others. Mr. Siddiah was also taken in procession through the principal streets of Tumkur Town.

In the course of his tour, the Koratagere Municipality also presented an address to Mr. Siddiah on the 17th. The next day he opened a Khadi Centre at the place.

Propaganda meetings were held in the course of their tour at the undermentioned* places at which Messrs. H. Siddiah, H.K. Viranna Gowda, T. Subramanya, K. Changalraya Reddi, K. Pattabhiraman, H.C. Dasappa

(* Vide next page.)

and Mallikarjunappa Mali Mariappa addressed the gatherings. Many of them mainly criticised the present administration, the reforms, nomination of non-official ministers and other allied matters.

* 13-8-41 - Turuvekere, Thandga, Mayasandra, Sampige, Kallur, Gubbi.
14-8-41. - Adalgere, Chandrasekharapura.
15-8-41. - Kyatsandra, Tumkur.
16-8-41. - Kunigal, Yeliyur, Haliyurdurga, Amruthur.
17-8-41. - Tita, Thovinakere, Chiknaikanahalli.
18-8-41. - Madhugiri.
19-8-41. - Kodagenahalli, Doddahosahalli.
(Gathering ranging from 50 to 400 persons.)

MUSLIM LEAGUE.

Shimoga District:

At a private meeting of the League held at Shimoga on the 18th August, under the presidentship of Mr. Khaji Abdul Sathar, the letter received from the President of the All Mysore State Muslim League, regarding the representations made to the several authorities about their grievances, was recorded.

Mr. Mohamad Sheriff who is expected to visit Bhadravathi during the month in response to an invitation from the local Muslim League, is also likely to visit Shimoga.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Textile Labour Union.

The Secretary of the Bangalore Textile Labour Union has ordered for 1000 Khadi caps for being sold to the Binny Mill workers, the initial cost being met with from the Union Funds.

Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi has been asked to select a suitable candidate for membership in the Legislative Council from the Bangalore and K.G.F. Labour Constituencies. If no suitable candidate having congress leanings should be forth-coming in the Mines Area, Puttashankarappa, Vice-President of the Textile Labour Union is likely to be put up.

Binny's Mills.

The Management of Binny's Mills declared payment of bonus of 12½% for their workmen on the 20th instant. Mr. Bhashyam and some others criticised the announcement at the public meetings held during the week and advised the workmen among other matters not to accept the bonus unless it was given to the 9 workmen on probation also. Certain resolutions were adopted at the meeting on the 17th instant on the introduction of the New Labour Legislation and urging certain further changes therein so as to meet the demands of the labourers. About 3200 workers appear to have taken the bonus.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam has since released a statement to the Press suggesting remedial measures.

In consequence of the lead given by Puttashankarappa, Changalaradhya, Venkatesh, Ramiah and a few others, work in the Mills was stopped for some time

on the 20th and 21st instant but on the intervention of the Management and the Labour Commissioner the men resumed work. On the morning of the 22nd about 4000 men in the various sections of the Mills stopped work (stay-in-strike) and efforts to induce them have so far been unsuccessful.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, and other workers - Puttashankarappa, Ramiah, Bayyiah, Venkatesh and Bavaji who were taking active part in connection with the strike situation were arrested on the 23rd instant under orders of the District Magistrate issued under section 3 (1) of the Mysore Public Security Act. They were remanded to the Bangalore Central Jail for 15 days pending further orders.

T.R. Mills.

Mr. Bhashyam spoke to the T.R. Mill workers regarding their grievances and the formation of an association of their own.

Hebbal Mills.

The Management have announced payment of 0-1-9 per rupee of wages as a gift to the workers.

Kolar Gold Fields:

A few labourers of Oorgaum and Mysore Mines are learnt to be criticising the idea of bringing outsiders (particularly referring to Mr. P.R.K. Sharma) to serve on their Labour Committees.

Messrs. P.R.K. Sharma of Madras, T.L.A. Acharya, Brahmachari T. Ramachandraji and a few workmen of the mines met at Bowringpet on the 17th instant to discuss the formation of Labour Associations and other allied matters. Some of them speaking at the labour meetings apprised the labourers of the provisions of the New Labour Legislation and exhorted them to join the Union.

Earlier Mr. Sharma had arrived in Bangalore from Madras and discussed with Mr. Bhashyam and others the formation of separate labour Associations in K.G.F. Mines. Addressing a meeting at the City Y.M.C.A. he eulogised the Labour Legislation and desired that it should come into effect early.

Messrs. Sharma, Ramachandraji, T.L.A. Acharya and K. Chengalraya Reddi (who since visited K.G.F. and had a talk with Lakshamana Modaliyar and others) expect to become the Presidents of Oorgaum, Mysore, Champion and Nandydroog Mines respectively on a salary of Rs.100/- per mensem.

Ramalingam who had evaded service of notice under section 17 Mysore Mining Act and who has since returned to K.G.F. has joined Lakshamana Modaliyar, both of whom are suspected to belong to the Communist Party. On account of their objectionable activities, orders are solicited for taking action against the former under section 17 Mysore Mining Act. It is also in view to proceed against the latter, should he continue in his subversive activities.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

Ummer Sab of Harihar appears to have received a letter from the Secretary, Muslim League, Bangalore, asking him to keep aloof from the arrangements regarding the shifting of the Mosque. Mr. Abdul Rub and party seem to be also disinclined to participate in the function on the ground that it is against their religious sentiments.

The New Mosque at Harihar handed over to the Amildar by the D.P.W. was taken charge by Mr. Abdul Rub. The opening ceremony was performed by Sir Khaji Sahib (Syed Mohidin Hussain) of Chitaldrug. Some Hindus and Mohammedens of the place attended the function which passed off smoothly.

FOREIGNERS.

Bangalore District: Padmanabhia an approved Sathyagrahi of Malabar passed through Nelamangala towards Tumkur on the 18th instant en route to Wardha.

Kadur District: Two batches of Political Prisoners consisting of Padmanabha Pai, Seshagiri Rao, Venkatesh, Giridasa Naik and Seena Setti, released from Poona and Yerrawada Jails arrived in Chickmagalur on the 15th and 18th instant and left for Mangalore, South Kanara District.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

K.S. Kumaran who was on parole in Bangalore in connection with his father's funeral obsequies returned to Mysore on the afternoon of the 17th August, is staying in Rama Vilas Agrahar.

Lingiah, externee, mentioned in the last week's report is since ascertained to have gone to Tiruthani accompanied by Kannan, a Minerva Mill worker and some other labourers, in connection with a vow.

N.D. Shankar left Nagamanagala for Tumkur on the 18th instant and having stayed at the latter place for 3 days in the house of his relation Venkataramia, left for Chickmagalur on the 21st instant. He is reported to be staying at the place with Mr. Venkataramia, Manager of the local Khadi Vasthralaya.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Mysore District:

Mr. B.N. Gupta, Editor of " Prajamatha, " presiding, the opening ceremony of the " Mysore Vysya Patrike, " by Mr. M.V. Papanna Gupta of Madanapalli, took place at Mysore on the 15th August, under the auspices of the Mysore State Vysya Yuvajana Mahasabha.

Bangalore,)
D:25-8-41.)

U. K. SOMAPPA,

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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From (Name) U.K. Somappa, Esq., B.A., 1968

(Designation) Supdt. of Police, Special-Branch,

Post Box....., (STATION) .....Bangalore.....

Telegraphic Address.....

SUBJECT.

Special Branch Report No.35/41
dated the 1st Septr. 1941 for
the week ending 30th Aug. 1941.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

K. U. Somappa.
Superintendent of Police,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

.....District.

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 30th August 1941.

POLITICAL

PROPAGANDA:

Bangalore City: Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, has issued a statement to the Press criticising the action of the Government in arresting Mr. Bhashyam.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress, at their meeting on the 23rd instant adopted resolutions condemning the arrest of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and observing the "Responsible Government Day" on the 1st proximo. They also decided to observe the 28th instant as a "Protest Day" throughout the State on account of the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam.

As regards the representation of the members of the Textile Labour Union, the Working Committee appears to have decided not to identify themselves with the Labour Union but to be of some use to them. They have appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs: H.C. Dasappa, K.C.Reddy and K.P. Raman to advise the labourers.

Messrs: Sadiq Ali, Office-Secretary, All India Congress Committee and B.P.Karmarkar, President of the Karnataka Provincial Congress Commitee, arrived in Bangalore on the morning of the 28th August and left for Haveri the same night en route to Dharwar. During their stay, it is understood that the Mysore Congress Workers were advised to pay particular attention to the constructive Programme of work.

Bangalore District: The Fifth Mysore State Congress Convention is expected to be held in Channapatna taluk.

Mysore District: Mr. M.N. Jois, congress worker, Mysore, has issued a statement to the Press criticising the action of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy in succeeding Mr. K.T. Bhashyam as President of the Textile Labour Union. He is of opinion that as the Congress has not declared a clear cut policy with regard to labour, they should have watched the events and done nothing to embarass the congress.

Shimoga District: Messrs: H. Siddiah, Kadidal Manjappa and H.S. Rudrappa decided at a private meeting on the 27th instant at Bhadravathi to support the candidature of Mr. Shivalingappa, a congress candidate, for Vice-presidential election to the Bhadravathi Town Municipal Council. Messrs: N.D.Shankar and Seshagiri Sastry also attended the meeting.

Tumkur District: Mr. Siddiah left Tumkur for Bangalore accompanied by Mr. K.P. Raman, on the 22nd August after completing the District propaganda tour. During the week, a sum of Rs.92/- is ascertained to have been presented to the Congress President;-

.5/- at Bukkapatna, Rs.6/- at Arasikere, Rs.10/- at hirathahalli, Rs.20/- each at Baragur and Lakshmipagar nd Rs.31/- at Sira.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

To condemn the action of the authorities in rresting Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, public meetings were proosed to be held on the 28th instant throughout the tate. The meeting in Bangalore City was presided over y Mr. H.C. Suryanarayana Rao and Messrs: Shamaraja yengar, Ramalal Thivari, Gundenahalli Nanjappa, K. anumanthia, Ramaswamy and K.R. Sridhar, participated n the proceedings. A resolution was adopted conemning the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam.etc. Details from ther districts are awaited.

Propaganda meetings were held at the undermentioned (x) ~~places~~ -

(x) 20-8-41 Pavagada, Arasikere.
21-8-41 Sira, Chrathahalli, Baragur, Bukkapatna, Patnaikanahalli and Lakshmipagar.
(audience ranging from 50 to 200)

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laces in connection with the Mysore Congress President's our in the Tumkur District. Messrs: H. Siddiah, K. attabhiraman, and T. Subramanyam who participated in he prodeedings criticised as usual the present administration and the nomination of non-official Ministers. r. Siddiah has made a request to the Government to pen a Khadi centre at Kadigenahalli, grant remission o the ryots in certain parts of the Madhugiri Sub Divion and encourage "Kambli" industry in Chiknaikanaalli.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Mysore District. Under the auspices of the District Muslim League, a public eeting under the presidentship of Mr. Syed Mohadin han was held at Mysore on the 23rd August. Messrs: lohamed Khan, Urdu Professor, Maharaja's College, Mysore, yed Murthuza Saheb and Khaza Meer Nizamudin spoke on he importance of Urdu and exhorted the students to ncourage this language.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

Binny's Mills.

Mr. Bhashyam has released a statement to the Press racing the present discontentment among ~~the~~ Binny's ills workers from the last strike.

All the labourers in the Mills except a few struck ork since the 23rd August. On the 24th morning, about thousand labourers went in procession through the rincipal streets of the City announcing the arrest of r. Bhashyam, the previous day. The Special Committee onsisting of Messrs: H. C. Dasappa, K. Changalaraya eddy and K. Pattabhiraman are reported to have advised he labourers to resume work from the 25th, but the leaers do not seem to have agreed in view of Mr. Bhashyam's rrest. In the meantime, negotiations seem to be going

on and Messrs: T. Ramachandra, N.C.Thimma Reddy, V.S. Narayana Rao, Changalaradhya and Venkatesh interviewed Mr. Bhashyam in the jail on the 26th instant. They further came to the conclusion that the 9 persons (for whom bonus had been refused) should put in an application to the Labour Commissioner urging an enquiry into their case on their alleged victimisation; that the Government should safeguard their interests, and that immediately after presenting the applications, all the workers should resume work and this should be followed by the release of Mr. Bhashyam. As regards the 5 workers now under arrest it is contended that they should also be released simultaneously with Mr. Bhashyam and taken back for duty. With these points in view, the leaders are understood to have had a lengthy conversation with the Labour Commissioner and other officers including the Deputy Commissioner. They expect that things would be settled shortly. The strike, however, continues.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy, as per decision of the Labour Executive Committee, has since been appointed as a temporary measure, President of the Textile Labour Union in place of Mr. Bhashyam.

(x) Labour meetings were held during the week on the undermentioned dates and the speakers, among other matters, generally criticised the action of the Government in arresting Mr. Bhashyam. They accused the Management and the Labour Commissioner as being responsible for creating this situation and desired that the Government should immediately take up the whole management and as per communique issued by the Publicity Officer regarding the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam etc. early action should be taken to end the dead-lock.

		Speakers.
(x) 23-8-41	about 1000 persons.	Messrs: H. Siddiah, (Pr.). K.Changalaraya Reddy, T.Subramanyam, Puttashankarappa, K. Pattabhiraman, N.C.Thimma Reddi & M.N.Jois.
24-8-41.	" 700 "	Gundenahalli Nanjappa(Pr.), B.N.Boranna Gowda, & D.Venkatesh.
25-8-41.	500 "	N.C. Thimma Reddy(Pr.), Changalaradhya, Venkatesh.
28-8-41.	2500 "	N. C. Thimma Reddi(Pr.), Malavalli Virappa, Venkatesh.

The speeches at some of these meetings seem to have been impressive. The speech of Mr. N.C.Thimma Reddy on the 27th instant is deemed to contain objectionable matter and the same is under scrutiny.

It is understood that if the labourers do not resume work before Monday next, the Management would declare a lock-out.

Bangalore District: The workers of the Sri Krishna Weaving Mills, Settigere, sought permission of the Management to absent themselves from work on the afternoon of the 28th instant to observe the "Protest Day" in connection with the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam.

Shimoga District: Mr. K. Seshagiri Sastry presiding,

a labour meeting was held at Bhadravathi on the 24th instant at which Mr. B.T.Keshava Rao of Bellary while describing the conditions of labourers as deplorable, observed that the Government had criminally neglected to redress their grievances.

Resolutions ~~xxxxx~~ urging the grant of dearness allowance to the labourers and regretting the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam, moved by Mr. K. S . Ramachandra Setty, were adopted.

Kolar Gold Fields: A meeting was held during the week by a section of the miners (about 800) to protest against the service of a notice under Sec.17 Mysore Mining Act against Ramalingam, ex-school-master of Champion Reefs, prohibiting him from entering the K.G.F. area on account of his subversive activities. Ramalingam and Parasuram participated in the proceedings.

Similar notices which had been issued against Doreswamy and Abraham after the last strike were cancelled on their undertaking not to engage in subversive activities.

The ban on Mr. P.R.K. Sharma, a labour leader of Madras against whom a similar notice was in force has now been lifted. The labourers of the several mines have decided in their meetings held during the week to organise a meeting at K.G.F. in honour to Mr. P.R.K. Sharma on the 31st instant and also to take him in procession.

RELIGIOUS

Chitaldrug Distrirt: As a sequel to the opening of the New Mosque at Harihar on the 20th instant there was a protest meeting at the place 2 days later when Abdul Rashid addressed a small section of Muslims. There appears to be a move by one section of the Muslims to retain the old Mosque in view of their religious sentiments, while another section has commenced offering of prayers at the New Mospque. Abdul Rashid has further petitioned to the Muslim League, the Deputy Commissioner and the Amildar regarding the ~~resolution~~ retention of the old Mosque. Developments are being watched.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bangalore District: - Deendars.

One Dasthagiri of Harohalli, a follower of Deendar Siddick, delivered lectures at Kankanahalli on the 22d and 23rd instant condemning the caste system and the drink habit and further stressed on the importance of Hindu-Muslim unity.

Shimoga District: - Shivaji Sangha

The members of the above Sangha are reported to be celebrating the ' Ganesha Festival ' which is expected to last for a week.

National Youth League

At a private meeting of the above League on the 27th

instant at Shimoga, Mr. K.R. Madhava Rao presiding, resolutions were passed condemning the arrest of Mr. Bhashyam, and wishing speedy recovery of Dr. Y. Partha narayana Pandit (congressman).

Kolar District: - Communal affairs.

A few Mussalmans of Tayalur having felt aggrieved at the defeat of a muslim candidate in the election to the chairmanship of their village Panchayat, held the local Sub-Assistant Surgeon responsible for the defeat as he voted for a Hindu and assaulted the latter in a body on the 20th instant. As a result, the feelings between the local Hindus and Muslims are reported to be strained. The leaders of both parties are warned and the local Police have taken up the investigation. The situation is, however, quiet.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

N. D. Shankar, externee from Bangalore District, referred to in the previous week, left Chikmagalur for Tarikere on the 27th instant by bus. Later, he visited Bhadravathi where he attened a private meeting in connection with the Vice-presidential election to the Town Municipal Council, the same day.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,
Aug. 31, 1941.

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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S E C R E T.

S.B.A. No. 36/41. (217.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 6th September 1941.

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City: A.V. Srinivasa Murthi, Secretary of the Congress Central Office, is reported to have accepted the post of a Pracharak under the Hindi Riyasat Committee.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi (since elected President of Binny's Mills Association), as President of the Kolar District Congress Committee, has appealed to the K.G.F. Mine workers to vote for the congress candidates.

Kadur District: Upendra Naik and Kittu, Political convicts, released from Yarrawada jail, arrived in Chikmagalur on the 31st August and left for Pani Mangalore in South Kanara the same day.

Shimoga District: Mr. B.P. Halappa (Independent) has written to the President of the Mysore Congress announcing his intention to resign from the membership in the Bhadravathi Town Municipal Council, and stand again for election on congress ticket.

Kolar District: Mr. K. Ramasesha Sastry who is reported to have since resigned from the Congress was declared elected Vice-President of the Chintamani Town Municipality.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City: The constructive programme Sub-Committee of the Mysore Congress is expected to meet on the 21st September in the Congress Office to chalk out the future programme of work. The leaders and workers of the District and City Congress Committees have been invited to attend the meeting.

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam and N.C. Thimma Reddy are approaching prominent people for donations towards the opening of a Constructive Committee Centre in the City. Mr. Madhava Krishniah, Proprietor of the T.R. Mills is understood to have donated a sum of Rs.100/- in this connection. The City Congress Committee meets on the 8th instant to discuss the question of carrying on the constructive work.

The Congress party members of the Bangalore City Municipality, discussed at the meeting of the Parliamentary Sub Committee of the Mysore Congress, on the 31st August about the grievances of the voters.

Mr. K.K. Sidhwa (congressman), Ex-Mayor of Karachi and leader of the Sind Assembly Congress Party, who arrived in Bangalore from Mysore on the 30th August, met the congress workers in the Congress Office the next day and advised the Municipal Councillors on their civic

responsibilities and suggested to form local Self-Governing Institutions on the model of those existing in Bombay and other places. The same evening he addressed a public meeting at the Municipal Gardens.

Mysore District: Earlier, Mr. Sidhwa, on arrival in Mysore addressed a similar meeting at the Town Hall.

At these meetings he referred to the working of the Municipalities in British India, explained the reasons for the resignation of the congress ministers in the seven Provinces, criticised the alleged opening of the ballot boxes, and the system of nominations etc. He appealed to the States' Subjects to rally round the Congress banner to achieve Swaraj, and criticised the British Administration accusing them of being in the way of grant of independdnce etc.

Chitaldrug District: The congressmen of Hiriyur at their private meeting on the 31st August have proposed to convene a meeting about a fortnight later and invite congress leaders of other districts to chalk out a programme of work.

CONFERENCES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

A series of public meetings were held on the 28th August as a protest for the arrest of Mr. K.T.Bhashyam. Resolutions to that effect were also adopted at some places. The speakers generally criticised the action of the Government in this connection. The names of speakers and organisers who participated in the proceedings and the places of meetings are furnished in the annexure.

Speaking at Mysore, Mr. H.C. Dasappa observed that even though the Government might have been influenced by the Residency, their action was not justified. Mr.K. S. Kumaran expressed with reference to the strike in Binny's Mills, that it was the duty of all to put an end to the present system of Government and establish a Government of labourers.

' Responsible Government Day ' was observed throughout the State on the 1st September by the congressmen. Public meetings were held at a large number of places, while at a few places, they held private meetings owing to rain. The ' Responsible Government Pledge ' was taken by them at such meetings. Particulars of places where meetings were held and the names of speakers or organisers are furnished in the annexture.

The speakers, at some places, while advocating Responsible Government criticised among other matters the present administration, and explained the implications of the Pledge to seek the establishment of Responsible Government in Mysore under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. S. Rangaramiah referred to the introduction of the " V " brooch which stood for victory, and observed that if victory in war could be achieved by merely wear-

-ing the brooch, Responsible Government could be much more easily achieved if all the people demanded it in one voice.

Mr. H.C. Basappa hoisted the Congress Flag in the premises of the Congress Office in Bangalore and made a short speech on the significance of observing the day's function.

Mr. B.T. Kesava Rao of Bellary, speaking at Sagar, traced the growth, suffering and achievements of the Indian National Congress.

' INDEPENDENCE DAY '

The congressmen of Maradihalli in Hiriyur taluk observed the 'Independence Day' on the 1st September by conducting Prabhat Pheri in the morning. Due to rain, the proposed public meeting in the evening was abandoned. Messrs: Govinda Reddy, Bundla Govinda Reddy, Venkatappa and a few others participated in the function.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City:

Binny's Mills

The workers of the above Mills resumed work on the 1st September. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam was released on the evening of the 31st August, while the other persons -Puttashankarappa and 4 others, the next day after the workers resumed work.

Labour meetings were held on the 29th and 31st August and on the 1st September in connection with the strike and the marginally noted speakers participated in the proceedings. The last-named three persons spoke only after their release. The idea of forming different Associations under the New Labour Act in respect of each Mill or Union containing not less than one hundred workers, was explained, by Mr.Bhashyam and other speakers. The appointment of Justice Mr. T. Singaravelu Mudaliyar to enquire into the case of the 10 workers of Binny's Mills who have been refused bonus, was announced.

Messrs:
1.N. C. Thimma Reddi,
2.Malavalli Virappa
3.D. Venkatesh
4.Gundenahalli Nanjappa
5.K.T. Bhashyam
6.Puttashankarappa
7.Ramiah

MINERVA MILLS

At a public meeting held on the 4th September under the presidentship of Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy, an association of the above Mills was formed with Mr. Malavalli Virappa as President, Kanniah - Vice-President, Lingiah (Externee from Bangalore District) - Secretary, and Changalaraghya - Treasurer, with 22 other members. A sum of one rupee was fixed as annual subscription. Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, Venkatesh and a few others participated in the proceedings.

MYSORE MILLS

A similar association was formed on the 5th September in respect of the Mysore Mills, with Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa (President of the Bangalore City Municipality) as President, Munisamy - Vice President, K.S. Kumaran -(Externee from Bangalore District) - Secretary, and Muniswamy - Treasurer with 26 other members. Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddy, K.T. Bhashyam, Malavalli Virappa and a few others participated in the proceedings of the public meeting held in this connection.

Shimoga District: Mr. K.S. Ramachandra Setty, Secretary of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, is reported to have interviewed the General Manager of the Iron and Steel Works and the Paper Mills on the 28th August and urged inter alia the grant of a dearness allowance to the workers.

Kolar Gold Fields: On the afternoon of 2-9-41 about 700 coolies of the Mysore Mine staged a brief stay-in-strike as a protest against the extension of the underground shift until 2 p.m. They resumed work as usual, the next morning.

Addressing a public meeting of labourers(about 30,000) on the 31st August at the Gymkhana grounds, Mr. P.R.K. Sharma of Madras explained the implications of the New Labour Act and observed that it was more advanced than similar enactments in British India.

Earlier in the day (as previously announced), Mr. Sharma was taken in procession to Robertsonpet in a decorated bullock cart drawn by seven pairs of bullocks accompanied by about 25,000 workers. Notices addressed to the K.G.F. labourers had been issued by S.R. Shanmugham and K.C. Phillips, pleading their inability to be present on the occasion. An anonymous printed notice found near the Hancock Shaft purported that Mr. Sharma had joined the capitalists and the authorities, and further warned the labourers not to be guided by him. Ramji, Acharya, Lourdswamy, Govindaraj, Chinnadorai, Royappan, Bhagyanathan and others participated in the evening's meeting. Mr. Sharma addressed another meeting at Marikuppam the same evening.

The author of the notice against Mr. Sharma is suspected to be Ramalingam and Lakshmana Modaliyar (suspected communists). Lakshmana Modaliyar appears to have also interfered with the procession of Mr. Sharma and instigated the labourers to act contrary to the conditions of the license.

In view of the adverse activities of Lakshmana Modaliyar, he was served with a notice under Section 17, Mysore Mines Act on the 1st September and he left for Jalarpet the same day. He is since learnt to have gone to Kuppam where he is staying at present.

It is understood that Mr. Sharma is likely to be

the President of the Mysore Mine Association and Acharya for the Nandydroog Mine. Two other local persons are likely to become the Presidents of the remaining Mines' Associations.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE

In exercise of the powers conferred by Cl.(c) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 40 of the Defence of India Rules, as applied to Mysore, the Government in their Notification No. P.964/Law 27-41-4 dated the 3rd September 1941 have declared to be forfeited all copies of the book in Kannada styled "[illegible]" written and published by Mr. N. Vishakanta Rao, Santhepet, Mysore, and printed in Sri Nilakanteswara Printing Works, Sultanpet, Bangalore City.

PROSECUTIONS

Manavalan (deportee) who was prosecuted in the Court of the City Magistrate, Bangalore, for defiance of deportation orders, was released on the 29th August on tendering an apology. He left for C.& M. Station, Bangalore, the same day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bangalore City: The sweepers of the Bangalore City Municipality are understood to have been agitating for the grant of a "Dearness allowance" and that they had also interviewed Mr.Bhashyam in this connection. The Municipal authorities are likely to bring about an early amicable settlement.

Mysore District: The local Muslims held a meeting on the 28th August at Mysore under the presidentship of Mr. Nagimejem Abul-ul-Moulana Syphul Kalam Azad (brother of Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, President of the All India Congress). Messrs: Mohamed Sait, Akbar Hussain and Moulvi Tyab Hussain Sahib including the president, spoke on Islam and other allied matters.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

8-9-41.

ANNEXURE TO S.B.A.No.36/41 for w.e.6-9-41.

Protest meetings in connection with the arrest of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam on the 28th Aug.41.

Place.	Names of speakers.
	Messrs:
Mysore ..	H.C. Dasappa (Pr.), B.Narayanaswamy, K.S. Kumaran & Palahalli Sitharamiah.
Shimoga ..	H.S. Rudrappa(Pr.), K.S. Ramachandra setty, K.R. Madhava Rao, S.R.Nagappa Setty and N.D. Shankar.
Chitaldrug ..	S. Veerabasappa.
Shiralakoppa ..	Andige Ananda Rao (Pr.) & Kodihalli Sivaji Gowda.
Tumkur ..	R.S. Aradhya, G. Rajagopalachar, & T. Subramanyam.
Madhugiri ..	Henjeerappa.
Kortagere ..	Mali Mariyappa
Kolar ..	T. Ramchachar (Pr.), K.P. Raman, & M. Doraswami.
Srinivasapur ..	B.L. Narayana swami, Bolo Subba Rao, Venkatappa Setti, Nanjundappa, Nagaraj, G. Narayanagowda, Veerappa(Lavani)

Meetings in connection with the "Responsible Government day." (1-9-41)

Bangalore City:	K.T.Bhashyam(Pr), N.C.Thimma Reddi, Sampangiramiah, K.Hanumanthiah, Gundenahalli Nanjappa, M.A. Gopalasami Iyengar, & W.H.Hanumanthappa.
Channapatna:	R.Srinivasiah(Pr), Konanur of Gokhar (Dharwar),R.Rangiah,& Venkatappa.
Kankanahalli ..	D.Venkatachalapathisetti(Pr.),
Gunjur ..	G.Muniappa Reddi.
Mysore city ..	S.Rangaramiah(Pr.),B.Narayanaswami, T. R. Narasimhaiengar, A.Suryanarayanapandit, M.N.Jois, S.Channiah, P. Seetharamiah, & T. Mariappa.
Arsikere ..	Panchaksharayya,Bellary Siddamma & Channapiah.
Ajjampur ..	T.C.Basappa, & S.Subramanyasetti.
Chickmagalur ..	B.P. Basappasetti,D.C.Rudrappa,Seetharamiah Annappasetti & B.K.Narasimhamurthi.
Shimoga ..	K.Ramaswami,(Pr,), B.R.Puttananjappa,H.Siddiah & S.V.Krishnamurthi.
Bhadravathi ..	Meeting in the house of Mr.Pandurangasetti
Sagar ..	Girimaji Rao (Pr.), Mruthyunjaya Rao Bapat, N.D. Shankar, B.T.Keshava Rao(of Nava-Bharat) of Bellary.
Davanagere ..	Kasalu Srinivasasetti, G.Virappa,K.T. Jambanna, Gundappasetti, Siddalingappa and others.
Tumkur ..	G.Rajagopalachar.
Kolar ..	M.Doreswami, K.P.Raman and H.C.Dasappa.
Srinivasapur ..	B.L. Narayanaswami, G.Narayanagowda, & Bolo Subba Rao.(in Hindi)
Sidlaghatta ..	Hoovina Chowdappa.

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Special Branch Report,

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 13th September 1941.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City: Mr. A.V. Srinivasa Murthi, Office-Secretary, Mysore Congress, has now been appointed as an Instructor in the Hindi Riyasat Prachara Sabha.

Mr.H.K. Veeranna Gowda, Secretary, Irwin Canal Area Sub-committee, formed by the Mysore Congress, has given to the Press a set of questionaire on the grievances of the ryots living in that area.

Hassan District: Mr. G.S. Sampath Iyengar of Gorur, has been elected President of the newly constituted Hassan Taluk Congress Committee.

The Belur Taluk Congress Committee has been reconstituted with Messrs: Lakappa Gowda, Sulegudda, as President; K.C. Puttegowda and Javaregowda as Joint-Secretaries.

Tumkur District: S.R. Mallappa, Secretary, Tiptur Taluk Congress Committee, has left for Wardha to interview Mr. Gandhi.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City: Owing to the absence of certain members of the City Congress Executive Committee, the proposed meeting on the 8th instant did not take place. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam felt disappointed since he wanted to select congressmen to the various Labour Associations under formation. The committee intend purchasing two dozen charakas and opening a Spinning Class at the Congress Office to carry on the constructive work.

Mr. W.H. Hanumanthappa performed the opening ceremony of the Branch of the Hindi Organisation started by Mr. K.R. Sridhar in the Poor House Block, Basavangudi, on the 7th instant.

Vigorous campaign for enrolling members, mostly from among the labourers, is expected to be taken up shortly. The Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee has since sent some membership books for the purpose.

The City Congress is expected to meet shortly to concert measures to celebrate "Gandi Jayanthi" from the 2nd October 1941.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is likely to discuss at their next meeting the several criticisms received by them in connection with the nomination of congressmen to the Labour Associations.

Mysore District: The District Congress Committee is expected to meet on the 14th September and settle the Tour Programme of the President, Mysore Congress, in the District.

Hassan District: At a private meeting in the house of Mr. Ankam Sanjeevisetty, at Channarayapatna, the local congressmen observed "Responsible Government Day" on the 3rd September and passed resolutions.

Kadur District: The District Congress Committee among other matters decided at their meeting on the 12th September to carry on the constructive Programme of work. A separate committee has been formed with Mr. C.V. Dhruva Rao as President.

Tumkur District: The District Congress Committee decided at their private meeting on the 7th September to refund to the respective Taluk Committees, 15 per cent of the funds collected and presented to Mr. H. Siddiah during his presidential tour in the District.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

Shimoga District: Mr. K.G. Vodeyar presiding, a public meeting was held at Sagar on the 2nd September at which Messrs: N.D. Shankar and B.T. Keshava Rao(Dharwar) exhorted the audience to popularise khadi and indigenous articles.

HINDU MAHA-SABHA.

Shimoga District: A public meeting was held under the auspices of the above Sabha, at Bhadravathi, on the 7th September, when a local Branch was formed with the following Office-bearers:- (Messrs: Gnanendra Prabhu (Pr.) and Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty participated in the proceedings) Messrs: V.V. Iyer - President; K. Thimmiah- Vice-President; Ekanatha Aradhya and Ramakrishna - Secretaries; Papachari and 7 others - members.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City: During public meetings held on behalf of the workers of the Binny's and T.R. Mills, and the Bangalore Motor Transport Workers Union, on the 6th, 8th and 12th September, respectively, an Association in respect of each was formed with the following office-bearers: (Messrs:-K.T. Bhashyam, Malavalli Virappa, N.C. Thimma Reddy and Venkatesh; and a few others participated in the proceedings).

(1) Binny's mills: Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi (Pr.); Puttashankarappa -Vice-president; M.A. Parasuram - Secretary; Narayanaswami - Treasurer & 26 others - members.

(2) T.R.Mills: Messrs: K.Shamaraja Iyengar -President; A.V. Srinivasamurthi - Vice-president; Wembly - Secretary; Kannan - Treasurer; and 26 others - members.

(3) The Bangalore Motor Transport Co.Ltd.
Messrs: L.S. Raju - President; R.V. Prasad - Vice-president; G.V. Challam - Secretary; Appaji Rao - Treasurer; and 27 others - members.

Mr. Bhashyam and other leading congressmen and labourers have been canvassing votes in favour of Ramadass who is contesting on the Congress Ticket for election to the Legislative Council, consequent on the refusal of Anthony nominated by the K.G.F. Miners, to sign the Congress pledge.

A few workers of the Government Industrial and Testing Laboratory, led by Mr. Chandrasekharan represented their grievances to Mr. Bhashyam who is reported to have assured his support to them. Some workers of the Sri Rama Weaving Shed belonging to Mr. P. Subbarama Setty, also met Mr. Bhashyam on the 10th instant in connection with the formation of a similar Association for their benefit.

Mr. Bhashyam intends to keep aloof from the other Government concerns like - Soap Factory etc. and to appoint a whole-time Manager to look to the working of the Associations now formed. He is reported to have addressed the Management of Binny's Mills to abolish the present Union.

Bangalore District: A similar Association was formed on the 7th instant on behalf of the labourers of the Srikrishna Weaving Mills in Subbarayanapura, Bangalore taluk, with Messrs: K. Pattabhiraman - President, Puttashankaraiah-Vice-President; Balakrishna Nair - Secretary; G.Shamanna - Treasurer; and 26 others - members.

Kolar Gold Fields: Some coolies of the Cooling Plant in Nandydroog Mine are reported to be urging an increase of Re.1/- in bonus.

Tamil printed notices were distributed in the K.G.F. area canvassing votes in favour of the Congress candidate Ramadass (employed in the Maharaja Mills, Bangalore) to the Legislative Council. Messrs: N.C. Thimma Reddi, K. Changalaraya Reddi and Venkatesh visited K.G.F. where they arranged to hold a number of public meetings in this behalf and if possible to persuade Anthony, the rival candidate nominated by the K.G.F.workers from the Labour Constituency, to stand for election on the congress ticket. These persons also met some mine leaders in the same connection between the 7th and the 10th instant. Their presence aroused strong opposition on the part of the miners, generally, who wanted to have counter-propaganda meetings. In order to prevent breach of the peace, orders under section 39 Mysore Police Act were promulgated by the District Magistrate, Kolar, on the 10th September prohibiting the holding of meetings in the K.G.F. area and within a radius of 5 miles for a period of one month.

The orders were served on the same day on Messrs: K. Changalaraya Reddi, N.C.Thimma Reddy and Venkatesh

when they had made arrangements to convene a public meeting that day.

Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam, and Acharya have issued individual statements to the Press criticising each other's interference regarding voting. Messrs: P.R.K. Sharma (who has since arrived on 12-9-41), G. Narayanaswami, Shanmugham, A.T.Perumal, Ramachandraji, Acharya, Anthony and Indraraj are engaged in close conversation in this behalf at Robertsonpet. Messrs: Changalaraya Reddi and N.C. Thimma Reddi who again visited K.G.F. on the 12th instant are similarly engaged in the house of Mr. Raghava Reddi. Mr. P.R.K. Sharma seems to have been prevailed upon by Mr. Lakshmana Modaliyar to support the Congress and that the former refused.

Further developments are being watched.

RELIGIOUS

Chitaldrug District: Abdul Rashid of Harihar, leader of the party who was opposed to the opening of the New Mosque, is reported to have visited Bangalore on the 6th instant to interview Mr. Mohamad Shariff, President, Muslim League. It is said that the latter was absent from Head-quarters. But Mr. Mohamed Sait of Mysore, whom he happened to meet appears to have assured him that he would see to the retention of the old Mosque.

So far, there is no reaction on the part of the local Muslims at Harihar in the matter of processions etc. passing in front of the old mosque with music. Prayers, as usual, being offered in both the Mosques.

' Basava Jayanthi ' festival is expected to be observed at Harihar on the 22nd September.

MISCELLANEOUS

STUDENTS'FEDERATION. - Mysore Dist. Mr. Savoi Aswatha Rao, Secretary, Mysore State Students' Federation, has been elected member of the Working Committee, All India Students' Federation, Calcutta.

GANAPATHI PROCESSION; - Shimoga Dt.: It is understood that Mr.B. R. Chandrasekhara Setti, President of the Hindu Maha Sabha, Shimoga, would bring to the notice of Messrs: Gandhi and V.D. Savarkar, the controversy that arose on the accasion of the Ganapathi procession at Shimoga on the 3rd September. It would appear that the members of both the parties agreed to take out the procession jointly and while it was being conducted, the members of the former who were carrying the Congress Flag prevented the latter from carrying the Hindu Mahasabha and the Mysore Flaggs.

Messrs: B.R. Chandrasekhara Setty on behalf of the Hindu Maha Sabha and Mr. Rama Rao Powar on behalf

of the other group have both issued statements to the Press, one contradicting the views of the other.

"SHAB-E-BARAT": - Kolar Dist. -

In connection with "Shab-e-Barat", a crowd of about 500 Muslims led by Basha and Azeez, sons of Mr. Mohamed Musthafa Saheb of Kolar, were found engaged in indiscriminate display of fireworks on the night of the 7th September in Kolar town. They paid no heed to the instructions of the local Police and began hurling burning rockets and pelting stones and brickbats at them, as a result of which, the Town Sub-Inspector, Daffedar and 5 Constables received slight injuries. Slight damage seems to have been also caused to the electric poles and wires.

A case under section 143, 285 and 114 Indian Penal Code is registered against 36 persons and is being investigated.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

15-9-41.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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SUBJECT.

Special Branch Abstract No.38/41 ated 22nd September 1941 received fro he District Supdt. of Police, Special ranch, for the week ending Saturday he 20th September 1941.

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AVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
f Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Your most obedient servant,

K. U. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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Law Minister.

Education Minister. 26.9.41

Local Self-Govt. and Public Health Minister. 26.9.41

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 20th September 1941

The following matters should be reported on:—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 20th September 1941.

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PERSONNEL.

Shimoga District:

Messrs. K.R. Madhava Rao, K.N. Murthy, S.R. Nagappa Setty and 6 others were elected Directors of the Khadi Lovers' Association, Shimoga, at a meeting held on the 14th September.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. Prasad, Secretary, A.I.C.C. accompanied by his Assistant Mr. Venkataramiah, arrived in Chitaldrug from Hubli on the 11th September and visited Thuruvanoor and Iymangala.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Mysore Congress have published for general information their Bulletin No.2, for August 1941, containing a review of their work during the month including the resolutions of the A.M.C.C. Session.

To a notice of resolution given by Mr. L.S. Raju for discussion in the City Municipal Council, on the recent speech of Premier, Mr. Churchill, touching the Indian situation, Mr. K.T. Bhashyam appears to have definitely instructed the Municipal Councillors not to take up the matter for discussion.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress is expected to meet at Bangalore on the 26th September to discuss and scrutinise among other matters the resolutions to be brought before the Dasara Sessio of the Representative Assembly.

Mysore District:

The District Congress Committee at a meeting on the 14th instant under the presidentship of Mr. S. Rangaramiah decided to have the tour programme of the President, Mysore Congress in the District from the 15th October. The question of presenting a civic address to the President and taking him in procession in the City (Mysore) was also discussed and this is expected to be settled at the meeting of the City Congress Municipal Councillors during the first week of next month.

Hassan District:

The local Congressmen of Arasikere discussed at their meeting on the 14th instant about enrolment of members.

Shimoga District:

Mr. H. Siddiah in his message to the Praja Mandal Progressive Party Conference, Jaipur, has urged the people to push through their demand for Responsible Government and make enormous sacrifice to realise their objective.

Tumkur District:

The members of the Town Congress Committee resolved in their private meeting on the 13th instant at Tumkur, to request the members of all committees in the District to subscribe liberally to defray the expenses incurred in connection with the recent tour of the President, Mysore Congress, in their District.

Kolar District:

The District Congress Committee at a meeting on the 15th instant adopted resolutions criticising the action of the Government in arresting Mr. Bhashyam and others under the Defence of India Rules, and the promulgation of the Prohibitory Orders in the Kolar Gold Fields under section 39 Mysore Police Act.

By another resolution they decided to form constructive work centres at Kolar, Mullahalli (Kolar Taluk), Kolathur (Srinivasapur taluk), Tayalur (Mulbagal taluk) and Gudibanda.

The proposed tour programme of the President, Mysore Congress, appears to have been also discussed.

GANDHI JAYANTHI.

The local Congressmen of Mysore desire to celebrate the function for a week from the 2nd October, while the Tumkur Town Congress have decided in their meeting on the 15th instant to have it for a period of 10 days from the 22nd instant. They also propose to have 'prabhat pheri' and invite Mr. Bhashyam to deliver speeches at public meetings.

EIGHTY FIRST BIRTHDAY OF SIR M. VISVESWARAIYA.

The function was observed by the Mysore Congress and by the local Karnataka and other organisations almost throughout the State, during the week.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Ramadass (worker in the Maharaja Mills) who had contested the elections to the Legislative Council on Congress ticket, from the Labour Constituency, came out successful by securing 1924 votes and defeating the rival candidate, Anthony, (K.G.F.) who secured only 1160. The election took place on the 14th September.

At a public meeting held on the 18th instant near the Minerva Mills, Messrs. Malavalli Virappa, Venkatesh and Changalaradhya delivered speeches, congratulated Ramadass on his success.

A batch of workers of the Mysore Spinning Mills appear to have complained that their grievances have not been heard while an enquiry in connection with Binny's Mills dispute had already started. Venkatesh and a few other leaders are said to have consoled them to wait till their Association is registered.

The enquiry relating to the workers of Binny's Mills was taken up by Justice Mr. T. Singaravelu Modaliyar on the 15th instant. Messrs. K. Shamarajiengar and Narasimhaiengar represented the labourers and Mr. K.S. Venkatarama Iyer, the Management of the Mills. The case which was adjourned to the 19th has since been re-posted to the 26th instant. Mr. Bhashyam has taken up the cases of the 10 workers of the Mills since served with a notice dated the 9th September - placing them under notice of dismissal with effect from the termination of enquiry.

A few workers of the Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory complained to Mr. D. Venkatesh, Secretary of the Textile Labour Union about the services of 14 workers being dispensed with and fresh hands taken in their places. The latter appears to have assured them that he would get their grievances redressed after interviewing the Labour Commissioner. About 100 workers of the Factory have since enrolled themselves as members of the Textile Labour Union.

Shimoga District:

At a public meeting of the workers of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi, held on the 14th September, a committee was constituted with the following office-bearers.

Messrs. N.D. Shankar -(President); Bada Narayan and Victor, (Vice Presidents) (Coolies in Rolling Mills); K.S. Ramachandra Setty - Secretary; Puttiah and S.L. Krishnan - Joint Secretaries (Coolies in Rolling Mills); Bhava, Javariah and 19 others - members.

Puttappa, Crane Driver, Open Hearth, (who presided over the meeting) K.S. Ramachandra Setty and N.D. Shankar spoke to the gathering. (about 300 workers).

Pamphlets in Kanarese entitled " ಕೂಲಿಗಾರರ ಕೂಗು — " (cry of labourers) written by N. Vishkanta Rao of Mysore were found being sold in Bhadravathi, a few days earlier to the above meeting.

Mr.Siddiah is reported to have since expressed his dissatisfaction at the selection of Messrs. N.D. Shankar and K.S. Ramachandra Setty on the personnel of the Committee in view of their having no locus standi. In consultation with Mr. K.T. Bhashyam, it is likely that a fresh committee would be formed. The latter appears to be also feeling the interference of persons of the type of N.D. Shankar, in the labour Associations. M. Ananda Murthi (Congress worker) is reported to have gone from Bangalore to Bhadravathi and staying there in connection with the formation of labour Associations under instructions from Mr. K.T. Bhashyam.

Kolar Gold Fields:

In connection with the visit of Mr. B.C. Puttashankarappa to Kolar Gold Fields on the 12th instant Mr. Ramdass got printed handbills circulated alleging that he was mis-handled at the place in the presence of Messrs. T. Ramachandra, T.L.A. Acharya and P.R.K. Sharma. Enquiry appears to have disclosed that the alleged assault was false.

Mr. R.R.K. Sharma who had arrived in K.G.F. on the 12th September had consultations with Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy regarding voting in favour of Congress candidate, Ramadass, for whom Venkatesh, Puttashankarappa, N.C. Thimma Reddy and a few others had been already canvassing.

Messrs. Sharma, T.L.A. Acharya, Shanmugam, G. Narayana Swamy, Indraraj and a few others canvassed in favour of Anthony. At a few places the Congress-minded labourers also abused Mr. Sharma.

Mr. Perumal who has been elected to the Representative Assembly from the K.G.F. labour area has since resigned from the Congress and issued printed pamphlet announcing his resignation from the Congress.

Messrs. C.P. Chinnaraju of Vellore and Krishnaswami of Pallikonda (Justice party leaders) failed in their attempts to convene public meetings in the K.G.F. area on account of the Prohibitory orders.

The voting took place on the 14th instant. Mr. Changalaraya Reddi left for Kyasamballi the next day, so also Mr. Sharma, for Madras, after advising the labourers not to be guided away by the Congress propaganda. The labourers of the Justice Party are expected to resign from the present Union if Congress should become successful

SOCIAL.

Chitaldrug District:

The All Mysore State Harijan Conference is expected to be held at Doddasiddavvanahalli on the 21st September, under the presidentship of Mr. R. Channigaramiah, Harijan leader.

RELIGIOUS.

The Hindus of Harihar applied for a license to celebrate "Basava Jayanthi" on the 18th instant instead of on the 22nd.

Khaji Abdul Rashid of Harihar has in his petition addressed to the Amildar and the Deputy Commissioner, observed that the local Police have been vigilantly watching the local Muslims, though the latter are law-abiding and did not obstruct the opening of the new Mosque nor the processions passing in front of the old Mosque with music. Further, they have sought protection of the Government as against Hindus who are said to be attributing bad things to them.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City:

The Mysore Riyasat Hindi Prachar Samithi.

The above Samithi was organised in Bangalore City on the 18th September, at House No.11, III Road Basavangudi, Bangalore City. The President and Secretary of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Samithi, Madras, had arrived

in Bangalore in this connection on the 16th instant. Mr. A.V. Srinivasa Murthi is understood to have been since appointed in the Samithi as a Pracharak on a pay of Rs.40/- per mensem.

INDIAN SAMADHARMA YOUTH LEAGUE.

Of the several institutions started by externee, Prabhudev, one under a different name is now reported to be under the management of Annasami, a native of Perukanji, North Arcot District. A night school is being held and tuition given in Tamil, Kanarese and Hindi. Another similar institution is in charge of Krishnan and Arogyasami, disciples of Prabhudev (workers in Binny's Mills) who have collected about 35 students.

Kolar District:

The local Muslims of Chickballapur are understood to have conferred at a meeting on the 5th September under the presidentship of Jaab Hakim Munshi Abdul Razak in the premises of the Jamiah Mosque, to protest against the installation of a radio at the Town Hall near the Mosque. Resolutions appear to have been adopted to send up a memorial to the Dewan requesting the removal of the radio and expressing deep regret at the attitude of the local authorities who inspite of representation failed to redress their grievances.

DEENDARS.

Bangalore City:

Mohamed Dastagir, disciple of Siddique Siddique Deendar, delivered lectures near the Masjid in front of the City Market, on the life and teachings of his master.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES & DEPORTEES.

N.D. Shankar, externee from Bangalore District, who is at present staying in Bhadravathi and who has since been elected President of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, proposes to stay there permanently.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

Under sub-section (6) of Section 144 Cr.P.C. the Government have extended the orders already passed under the above section by the Special First Class Magistrate, Shimoga, abstaining Khaji Syed Fakruddin from ascending the pulpit and and reciting khutba in Jumma Masjid in Dodpet, Shimoga and leading prayers for a period of 2 months, for a further period of 6 months from the 18th September 1941. (Notification No.P.1155/CTS. 62-41-2 dated 16-9-41.)

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

About 200 copies of the proscribed book styled " ಮೈಸೂರುಪೀಠಕ್ಕೆ ಸ - ಶಿಕಾರಿಪುರ ಲಂಬಾಣಿ — " have been seized during the week by the local Police at Bangalore, Mysore and Bhadravathi.

CONDITIONAL RELEASE U/S 401 Cr.P.C.

Sankar Kurtkoti, Convict No.5562 of Bangalore Central Jail, under G.O.No.P.966-9/C.T.S. 176-39-65 dated 3-9-41, the unexpired portion of sentence of imprisonment including that in default of fine, remitted with effect from 17-2-1940. Sentence of fine inflicted on him in the Criminal case referred to above, (C.C. 146/39-40 F.C.M. Shimoga) also remitted.

U. K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,)
D: 22-9-41.)

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SUBJECT.

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Your most obedient servant,

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 27th September 1941.

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City: In response to an invitation from the 'Balakarnataka Sangha', Hyderabad (Deccan), Mr. H.C.Dasappa intends to visit Hyderabad to participate in the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the said Sangha.

Mr. B. Krishnamurthi, of the Radical group of congressmen, who was a "T.B. patient at the sanatorium, Mysore, expired on the 22nd September.

The question of taking disciplinary action against Mr. M. Sithrama Sastry has been deferred to the next meeting of the City Congress. In the meantime, the Secretary has been asked to formulate charges with a view to recommend the removal of his name from the congress rolls.

Shimoga District:

Kalaji Rao is appointed Secretary of the Shimoga Town Congress Committee in place of H.M.Siddiah.

Tumkur District:

S.R. Mallappa of the Tiptur town Congress Committee who had proceeded to Wardha on the 7th instant returned to Tiptur on the 17th.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The Executive Committee of the Representative Assembly Congress party met on the 25th instant and decided to support the New Labour Act with certain amendments and the amendments to the C.P.C. etc. They intend to move an adjournment motion on the opening day of the Session, if allowed by the President, in respect of the recent decision of the Mysore High Court on the question of date of birth in Election Applications.

The Mysore Congress Working Committee met on the 26th instant and considered among other matters the question of temple entry by Harijans, support to the New Labour Act proposing certain amendments and the recent High Court decision on the Election Petition.

Mandya District:

Messrs: Mahabala Rao, Chikalingiah, Pasupathi Rao, Viranna Gowda, B.V. Krishnan, Mallaradhya, K. Lakshminarayana Rao and Ananthia Setty met in the

house of J. Venkatakrishniah on the 16th instant and resolved not to accord any reception to non-official Ministers and Government servants. Mr. H.C. Dasappa also attended the meeting

Mysore District: The 23 members of the Congress party in the Mysore City Municipal Council who were invited to the Durbar in the Palace, are reported to have not responded to the invitations on the plea that as in the case of the R.A. members, they were not exempted from wearing ' Kammarband '.

Chitaldrug District: The members of the District Congress Committee, Messrs: Nijalingappa, Bhimappa Naik, Vasudeva Rao, Virabasappa and others, met on the 24th instant at the Congress Bhavan, Davanagere, and considered measures to chalk out a programme to enlist members, appoint paid propagandists and form a Sub-committee to look after the working of the District Board and Municipalities and for discussing constructive programme of work.

GANDHI JAYANTHI

The Sub-committee of the Bangalore City Congress which met on the 23rd instant have drawn up a programme which includes the holding of daily meetings for a week from the 2nd proximo, khadi hawking and enrollment of members to the congress in connection with the celebration of Gandhi Jayanthi. On the 5th October a spinning competition open to the C. & M. Station Congress workers seems to have been also arranged. The local congressmen of Hassan, Shimoga and Tumkur have also arranged to celebrate the function for a week from the 2nd proximo.

SOCIAL

Bangalore District: His Highness Zubdkul Mulk Dewan Sir Taley Muhammad Khan Bahadur, Nawab of Palanpur, who visited Channapatna on the 21st instant, was presented with an address by the members of the Anjuman-E-Mehdia, Dairatul Isham.

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City: Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is reported to have authorised the Treasurer of the Bangalore Textile Labour Union to pay a sum of Rs.10/- to each of the 9 workers on probation in Binny's Mills, towards their maintenance charges and Rs.6/- to Mr. K. Hanumanthia to file an appeal in the High Court on behalf of M.A. Parasuram.

Due to heavy costs, the question of engaging the services of Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar of Madras in connection with the enquiry into the grievances of the workers of Binny's Mills, seems to have been dropped for the present. The statements filed on behalf of the workers before the Enquiry Officer, are reported to con-

-tain matters relating to the strikers from July 1940 and the alleged assurances given by the Dewan.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy is understood to have written a letter to the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee complaining that Mr. P.R.K. Sharma had set up a rival candidate to the congress nominee in the recent election to the Legislative Council from the Labour Constituency and had worked against the interests of the Mysore Congress.

About 80 workmen of the Government Industrial and Testing Laboratory who had gone on strike since the morning of the 24th instant on the plea that their increments from 1st July 1941 had not been paid, resumed work on the 26th morning. Mr. H.V. Subramanyam of Bangalore supported their claims advising them not to resume work till the grant of a general increment in pay.

About 14 workers of the Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory are reported to have been placed under suspension on the ground that they attempted to instigate the other workers to enroll themselves as members of the Textile Labour Union.

An association of the workers of the above factory was formed at a public meeting held on the 23rd instant when Mr. Bhashyam presided. The following office-bearers were elected:- Messrs: C.N. Narasinga Rao (Pr.) Muniappa (Vice Pr.), Nagabhushan (Secretary); Ganapathi (Asst. Secy.); and Chandrabhan Singh (Treasurer).

The workers of the Bangalore Transport Company are reported to have complained that they are being asked to contribute towards Dasara pooja and that this would work as a hardship in view of the cut in wages imposed on them.

The workers of Messrs: Muddia & Son, Silk Winding and Twisting Factory have also formed an Association with Messrs: S. Muniswamy - President; Palaniswamy Mudaliyar - Vice President; M. Doreswami - Secretary; Dharmalingam - Treasurer and Narappa - Asst. Secy. The strength of the factory is said to be about 70 to 80. workers.

A similar Association is expected to be formed for the AMCO FACTORY. The workers had also met in this connection on the 19th instant but postponed the issue as Mr. Bhashyam did not attend that day. It is since reported that a meeting was convened on the 27th instant.

Bangalore District: About 42 lorry drivers working under Messrs: Ladha Singh Bhedi & Sons, Military Contractors, struck work on the 20th instant as a protest against the misbehaviour of certain sikhs who are said to have assaulted two of their members Abdul Rashid and Varadarajalu. The strike ended on the afternoon of the 22nd instant after an agreement between the two parties. The Bangalore Taluk Police have registered a case under section 143 & 324 I.P.C. against the sikhs.

Mysore District: Railway Running Shed, Mysore.

On the ground that annual increments sanctioned in 1940 to the workers of the Running Shed, Mysore, were not given effect to, they approached their Foreman Mr. H.C. Krishnappa and represented about this matter. As no reply was received, they drafted a memorial on the 23rd instant and sent copies to the Dewan Minister for Education, the General Manager and the Loco Superintendent. The next day they prepared another memorial and after obtaining the signatures of all workmen sent the same to the Labour Union, Bangalore, requesting them to take up the question at the ensuing Representative Assembly. Messrs:-Srikantiah, Hanumantha Rao (Fitter) and Krishnamurthi (Fuel Maist are said to have taken the lead.

Shimoga District:- At a private meeting of the members of the Labour Union, Bhadravathi, on the 21st with N.D. Shankar, as president, it was resolved that the association formed on the 14th instant in respect of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works' Labourers, should be registered and efforts made to collect funds and deposit in the Kanara Bank.

Kolar Gold Fields: K.C. Phillips has published notices stating that the Labour Union at Kuppam is still in existence, that P.R.K. Sharma has been misleadiug the workers and that they should co-operate with the Mysore Congress in their efforts to help the labourers.

D. Venkatesh, Secretary of the Textile Labour Union, Bangalore, visited K.G.F. on the 20th instant with printed hand-bills thanking the voters for having supported the congress candidate Ramadass in the elections. Counter Associations are expected to be formed by the congress mined workers in the K.G.F. by passing "No confidence " motion against Messrs:- Ramanujam, T.L.A. Acharya and others.

A series of private and public meetings were held during the week at which Messrs: T.L.A.Acharya, Shanmugahm, Anthony, K.T. Perumal, V.P. Raju, Indraraj, Abraham and others criticised the congress treachery and requested to help the Labour party. Mahimanathan, Venkatesan, Raman, Manikyam, Arokyasami, Appakutty, Muniswami and sumh others congress-minded workers of Mysore, Champion and Nandydroog Mines are busy in counter activities. Indraraj and Narayyanaswami appear to have interviewed Mr. K.C. Phillips at Kuppam on the 23rd instant and discussed about the notice already issued under his signature and arranged to have a counter notice issued requesting the labourers not to join any political party but follow their leader Mr. P.R.K. Sharma. Later, Mahimanthan, Perumal, Lakshmana Modaliyar, Ramalingam and other congress-minded workers threatened Phillips and some of them assaulted Phillips for having agreed to issue the said counter notice and prevented him from doing so. But Indraraj and some others of the labour party were expected to go to Kuppam again and prevail upon Phillips to issue the counter notices.

Developments are being watched.

HINDU MAHA SABHA

Tumkur District: Mr. H.R. Mahanthia, advocate, Tumkur (President of the local Sabha, Tumkur) presided over a committee meeting held under the auspices of the above Sabha at Tumkur on the 21st instant. A resolution was adopted in respect of the publication of an article in the "Chitra Samachar" of Bangalore - September issue - under the caption, " The secret I head " (ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದ ರಹಸ್ಯ) requesting that if the contents of the said article were true, the men and women of Tumkur should not go to the cinema and subject themselves to the indignities described therein.

No reports on the alleged indignities appear to have been received by the local Police so far. The proprietors of the Talkie concerned have been advised to make proper arrangements in the Ladies' Section of the Theatre and not to give room for any complaints.

RELIGIOUS

Chitaldrug District: The Hindus of Harihar observed "Basava Jayanthi" on the 18th instant attended by about 10,000 persons. Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekharia presided over a public meeting in the evening, at which Messrs T. Hemagiriyappa, Bilki Virappa G. Puttappa, Ramkrishnappa, Pundalika Rao and Virabhadrappa spoke to the gathering (about 150 persons) on the life of Sri Basavanna.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chitaldrug District: The Mysore State Harijan Conference was held at Doddasiddavanahalli on the 21st instant with Mr. Channigaramia, a Harijan leader, as president.

Messrs: S. Nijalingappa and Veerabasappa - prominent congressmen of Chitaldrug and T. Hanumia, Narasimhia and Chikhanumanthia participated in the deliberations, which were concerned with the social uplift.

Bangalore City: Hindi Riyasat Committee

Mr. Devadooth Vidyarthi of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Samithi, Madras, who visited Bangalore, on the 18th instant, was taken to some of the merchants in the City with a view to canvass for funds. Messrs: K. Shamarajaiengar, A.V. Srinivasamurthi and others are learnt to have collected about Rs.1200/- so far. A major portion of this is expected to be distributed among local committees.

Bangalore District: COMMUNAL AFFAIRS

H.P. Srinivasa Murthi son of a clerk in the local Taluk Office, Channapatna, who was on friendly terms with tailor D.A. Gouse Peer of Closepet is reported to

have complained that the latter has spread a rumour alleging his illicit intimacy with the complainant's sister and that he would elope with her and marry her in secret.

The local Police have taken the necessary precautions in this connection.

DEPORTEES

Political deportee Purushotham Venkatasami alias B.V. Purushotham is now reported to have been employed temporarily in Binny's Mills - Spinning Section - on Ticket No.277 and residing in Kilari Road, Bangalore City.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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SAVAIENGAR, ESQ., B.A.,
hief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
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Your most obedient servant,

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 4th October 1941.

The following matters should be reported on:—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 4th October 1941.

PERSONNEL

Bangalore City: Messrs: T. Mariappa and A. G. Ramachandra Rao, Leader and Secretary, respectively, of the Legislative Council Congress party, attended the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress and other party meetings at Bangalore during the last week.

S.N. Gupta, a worker of the Mysore Congress, is reported to have been appointed as a correspondent and Agent for the ' States People ' published in Bombay.

Mr.H.C. Dasappa is reported to have received an invitation from Hyderabad Prajamandal to participate in their functions on the 9th October.

The resignation of Perumal, a member of the Representative Assembly from Kolar Gold Fields Constituency, was accepted by the Mysore Congress Working Committee.

Kolar District: The newly constituted Town Congress Committee, Chintamani, consists of Messrs: Devalam Venkatasami - President; Krishnamachar and Venkatagirikota Subbanna - Joint Secretaries; Talagavar Venkatarayappa - Tresurer; B. Narayanasami, Hanumanthia, Tailor Munisami and Shankarappa - members.

The reconstituted Taluk Congress Committee, Chintamani consists of Messrs: Mylandahalli Krishnamurthi - President; Byrasandram Muniswamappa and T. Ventakatarayappa - Secretaries; Woolvadi Narayana Reddi - Organising Secretary; Gaddam Munivenkatappa - Treasurer.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City: The Constructive Sub-Committee of the Mysore Congress adopted at their last meeting the reports of Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts' Congress Committees, regarding the constructive programme of work. They also decided to encourage the formation of charka sanghas and to collect funds.

The Working Committee of the Mysore Congress which also met on the 25th, 26th and 27th September, passed a condolence resolution on the demise of B. Krishnamurthi, a member of the Radical League and decided to support the New Labour Act in the Assembly. In connection with the letter received from the All India Harijan Sevak Sangh regarding the Temple-entry Movement in Mysore, the Committee placed Mr. T. Subramanyam in charge of the work. Regarding the Labour

Movement and its organisation, the committee entrusted the work to Mr. K. T.Bhashyam. The Working Committee also issued a statement to the Press on the 27th September, on the interim report of the Irwin Canal Sub-Committee of the Mysore Congress suggesting the Government to introduce certain immediate remedial measures in the direction of temporary relief to the inhabitants of that area.

The Executive Committee of the Representative Assembly Congress party decided to meet at Mysore on the 30th September and the General Body on the 1st October.

To a requisition from T. Krishnaiya Setty, Robertsonpet, to form a congress office in Kolar Gold Fields, Mr.N. C. Thimma Reddi is reported to have replied that the question would be taken up in due course.

CHITALDRUG DT.

Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, is expected to visit Chitaldrug to inaugurate the "Mysore Village Industries" Company. The authorised capital is said to be Rs.30,000/- divided into shares of Rs.10/- each. The object of floating the company is ascertained to be to encourage khadder and other hand-spun woollen goods and starting of cottage industries.

Mr. Kalli Thippanna Sastry of Gadag accompanied by Chandrasekhariah of Yadagie, Hydarabad, visited Davanagere on the 28th September to collect funds for the ' Kannada Sahitya Parishat ' and returned to Hubli the next day.

Kolar District: A congress office was opened in the house of Mr. Venkatagirikote Subbanna, at Chintamani on the 29th September. Messrs: K.Pattabhiraman, B.L. Narayanaswami and T. Venkatarayappa addressed a meeting the previous day appealing to the audience to lend suppprt to the congress to carry on their constructive programme of work.

A'Charaka Sangha'is expected to be opened at Gudibanda on the 8th October. Mr. T. Ramahcar is understood to have discussed with the local congressmen Shamanna and Adinarayanasetty in the same connection on the 27th September.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In connection with the celebration of the ' Gandhi Jayanthi ' a public meeting was held at Bangalore on the 2nd instant at which Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam (Pr.), P.R. Ramiah, and N.C. Thimma Reddy spoke on the life and greatness of Mr. Gandhi. Day to day programmes of events for a week from the 2nd instant are being followed ih Bangalore, Mandya, Mysore, Shimoga, Davanagere, Chintamani, Kolar Gold Fields and some other places in the State. In the same connection, the congressmen of Mandya proposed to float a Khadi Bhandar in Mandya with a capital of Rs.2,000/- divided into shares of Rs.5/- each.

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Chitaldrug District: As a sequel to the celebration of ' Basava Jayanthi ' at Harihar, on the 18th September, Abdul Rashid and his party have

petitioned to the Secretary, Muslim League, Bangalore, alleging that the function was observed with police help, that music was played in front of each mosque and that Muslims had locked themselves inside their houses.

HINDU MAHA SABHA

Shimoga District: The members of the local Sabha moved about the streets of Shimoga town on the 26th September with the Sabha flag in connection with the Dasara festival (Nadahabba).

LABOUR AGITATION

Bangalore City: The Executive Committee of the Bangalore Textile Labour Union resolved at their last meeting on the 26th September to pay Rs.3/- each to the members of the staff, as dearness allowance and Rs.12/- to K.B. Srinivasan, Publicity Officer of the Union, as pay.

The Enquiry Officer of Binny's Mills dispute has adjourned the sittings from the 26th September to the 8th October. Statements have been filed by the respective parties.

The workers of the Government Porcelain Factory have formed an Association with Mr. H.V. Subramanyam, as president and 13 workers of the Factory as members. The membership fee is fixed at 2 annas per head per month. A sum of Rs.25/- appears to have been already collected and handed over to Mr. Subramanyam.

The workers of the AMCO Factory formed a similar Association on the 27th September with Mr. K. Changalarayaya (R. A. member) as President; Govindappa - Vice president; Baseviah - Secretary; Kannappa - Asst. Secretary; Dasappa - Treasurer; and 25 others - members. A public meeting was held in this connection at which Messrs: K.T. Bhashyam presided and addressed the workers. Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi also spoke to the gathering.

Some workers who have been granted compulsory leave by the Management of the Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory, seem to have been promised to be taken back to work after the expiry of the leave. Mr. C.N. Narasinga Rao, President of the Association is reported to have interviewed the proprietors in this connection and been informed that as the stock of silk had exhausted, leave had to be granted to some workers.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam released to the Press a statement regarding the amendments to the draft rules of the Mysore Labour Act.

About 27 workers of the Sri Anjaneya weaving Factory struck work on the morning of the 2nd instant on the plea that they were not given higher wages and Dasara mamool etc.

In connection with the "Gandhi Jayanthi" the workers of the Mysore and Minerva Mills intend to go on a procession on the 5th instant with the photo of Mr. Gandhi decorated on a cart drawn by 73 pairs of volunteers and also convene a public meeting in the evening.

Mysore District: With Mr. T. Mariappa as president, a public meeting was held in Narasimharaja Mohalla, Mysore, on the 30th September attended by about 200 workers of the Krishnarajendra Mills. Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and the President explained the necessity of forming an association. Mr. T. Mariappa was elected ~~as~~ president. Rukmoji Rao - Vice-president; Bhangar setty - Treasurer; Leo - Secretary; and 20 others - as members.

Kolar Gold Fields: K.C. Phillips has issued Tamil printed notices counteracting the one issued under his signature some time back, advising the workers to follow Mr. P.R.K. Sharma leaving aside all their differences.

About 4 to 5 hundred workers of Bullan Shaft, Oorgaum, stopped away from work on the afternoon of the 26th September on the plea that they were not given clothing allowance. Mr. Perumal a member of the Representative Assembly interfered in this connection. The workers held meetings urging for sanction of clothing allowance and attendance bonus. For a similar reason the underground staff coolies working under contractor Mr. Abdul Sammand of Oorgaum Mine had also struck work on the morning of the 27th September.

Mr. T.L.A. Acharya leading some Oorgaum Mine workers interviewed the Labour Assistant Commissioner in this connection. The Superintendent of the Oorgaum Mine was also apprised of the present state of affairs by the Special Superintendent of Police and the Labour Assistant, as a result of which certain concessions were shown to the workers.

Muniswamy Maistry of Nandydroog Mines, Venkatachalam, and Shanmugham addressed a meeting on the 26th September appealing to the labourers to form the Associations as suggested by ~~kkx~~ Mr. P.R.K. Sharma and not to be led away by the congress people.

There was another meeting the next day at which Messrs: Venkatesh, Kandan, Shekharan, Manickyam, Venkatachalam and others similarly advised the workers. Messrs: Acharya and Indraraj who had gone to Madras to bring Mr. P.R.K. Sharma, returned. The latter who is reported to be ill is expected to visit the Fields shortly.

Govindaraj of Champion, and Chaluvam of Nandydroog Mines are reported to have visited Bangalore and returned on or about the 28th September with certain hand-bills pertaining to labour, particularly to Kolar Gold Fields and printed by the Mysore Congress Assembly Party and Labour, which were distributed in the Kolar Gold Field area. Counter notices were similarly distributed by Anthony about the reactionary compaign. Another set of notices announcing the visit of Mr. P.R.K. Sharma on the 30th were also distributed. But till the 2nd he did not visit Kolar Gold Fields.

SOCIAL

The Fourth Conference of the Mysore State Vysya Yuvajana Mahasabha.

The Conference was held in Mysore on the 27th September with Mr. Bhoopalam Chandrasekhara Setty as president. Messrs: P. Gopalakrishna Setty, Chinnaswami (advocates) and a few

others spoke on the occasion.

In one of their resolutions they have urged an impartial and open enquiry by a committee consisting of two non-official gentlemen and presided over by a Judge of the High Court, into the circumstances that led the late Mr. P.V.K. Murthi, Government Electrical Inspector, to commit suicide on the 23rd July last in Bangalore.

On the 28th September, the Second Conference of the Vysya Mahila Sammelana was held in Mysore with Srimathi Padarthi Sundaramma of Bezwada as president. Srimathis - G.S. Kanthamma and N. Sithamma participated in the proceedings.

The following day, the Second Vysya Students' Conference was also held in Mysore with Srimathi R. Subbamma, M.A.,B.T., Head-Mistress of the Prodattur Middle School, as president. They have among other matters resolved to open a scholarship in memory of the late Mr. P.V.K. Murthi.

On the 1st October 1941, a meeting of the Vokkaligars of Mysore City was held with Mr. Shivalingiah as president and attended by Messrs: M.C. Maniappa, Retired District Superintendent of Police, K. Lakkappa, Dr. M.L. Muniswami, Boriah & Basaviah-Contractors, and M.C. Lingegowda - R.A. member. They have urged the necessity of forming a Sangha in the interests of their community and form a committee shortly.

PRESS

Mr. M.N. Sitharamiah is expected to issue a weekly Kannada paper styled " ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ " — with a view to pull up the Congress Municipal Councillors to adhere to the congress principles.

Mr. M. Ramamurthi has published a Kannada booklet styled " What Hitler wants?", being the second of the series of books edited by him. The author has described the events that led to the last war and the ultimate defeat of Kaiser. He has concluded that Hitler was also sure to be defeated in the present war.

MISCELLANEOUS

Kolar District: Communal affairs.

As a sequel to a land dispute between Gouse Sab of Kariyanahalli , Kolar taluk, and Dodda Muniswami of the same village a scuffle ensued on the 30th September between some Muslims of Kyalanoor and Hindus of Kariyanahalli resulting in minor injuries to both parties. There was another minor attack by some Musalmans of Kyalanoor on one Byrappa. The local police have taken up the investigation of these cases. So far, this has not led to further repercussions.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES

Lingiah, externee from Bangalore District and C. & M. Station area, Bangalore, who intended to visit Bangalore on the 2nd instant in defiance of the prohibitory orders, is learnt to have been advised by Puttashankarappa to see Mr. Bhashyam at Mysore. The latter appears to have advised

Lingiah who went to Mysore on the 29th September to interview the Labour Commissioner at Mysore.

PROSECUTIONS.

One Usman Abdulla s/o Mistri Abdulla Suleman, Building contractor, Khadak Bazaar, Nashan Pande Cross Lane, Bombay, with the help of another Muslim is reported to have aided the escape of Lt. Gori F.No.5051 (Prisoner of War) and his companion, on the 19th September from the Prisoners of War Camp and harboured them at the Renown Hotel, Bangalore.

The Bangalore Taluk Police have registered a case under section 130 I.P.C. and Rule 28 Cl. (2) & (4); Rule 37 Cl. (1) & (3) and Rule 38 C. 1(a) & (5) of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore and are investigating.

NOTE.- Please substitute " Purushotham Venkatasami alias B.V. Purushotham, deportee from British India is now reported to have been employed temporarily in Binny's Mills - Spinning Section - in Ticket No. 277 and residing in Kilari Road, Bangalore City", for the existing para under ' Deportees ' on page 239, S.B.A. No.39/41.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

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For week ending 11th October 1941.

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending - Saturday, the 11th October 1941.

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PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Ex-premier, Madras, arrived in Bangalore on the 8th instant on private work and is staying with Mr. K. Srinivasan, at Malleswaram.

Mr.G.R. Swamy, Political suspect, is reported to be at Kengeri and is financed by the Mysore Grama Seva Sangha through the influence of Mr.S. Venkatapathia.

Hassan District:

Mr. G.S. Sampath Iyengar left Gorur for Dharwar on the 6th instant with his family.

Kadur District:

Office-bearers were elected to the Spinner's Co-operative Society, Chickmagalur, with Messrs. M. Hutchegowda - President, A.R. Venkataramia - Vice-president, Manjanatha Pai - Secretary, Ramia, C.V. Dhruva Rao, B.K. Narasimhamurthi and 5 others - members. Hanumantha Rao and Narayana Setty - Auditors.

Dr. N.S. Hardikar of Hubli arrived in Chickmagalur on the 7th instant from Saklespur side and left for Kadur en route to Hubli, the same night.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddi is reported to have made arrangements with the assistance of Mr. Acharya of Bengal Bulbs, Malleswaram, to purchase the "Visvakarnataka". Mr. Reddi seems to have been also trying to secure the help of Messrs. C.M. Garudachar and S.K. Venkataranga-iengar who have taken up contract with the military for the supply of Kadapa slabs at his instance.

A Reading Room in memory of the late Mr. Prahlada Setty of Shimoga (Satyagrahi) was opened in Visveswarapuram on the 4th instant by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam. (Room No. 592/3, Visveswarapuram diagonal road).

Mr. M.N. Sitharamiah, editor of "Pourawani" has invited the Marvari and Multani Hotel Keepers' and other Associations to report their grievances against the Municipal Councillors with a view to publish them in his periodicals. Mr. K.J. Sathyanarayana Setty is said to be assisting him in this connection.

Mandya District:

Messrs. S. Rangaramiah, H.K. Veeranna Gowda, Pasupathi Rao and others visited some villages in Maddur taluk and recorded the statements of the villagers on the questionaire issued by the Mysore Congress Irwin Canal Sub-

Mysore District:

The members of the Congress Executive Committee led by Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi gave a party to the Press Correspondents in the Marimallappa's High School, Mysore, on the 7th instant and requested them to represent their grievances which would be placed before the newly formed House Committee.

Chitaldrug District:

Mr. H. Siddiah inaugurated the Village Industries Company at Chitaldrug on the 4th instant. Mr. Nijalingappa explained that the object of opening the company was to find out markets for the products of village industries. Messrs. S. Veerappa of Davangere and S. Virabasappa of Chitaldrug also participated in the proceedings.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

" Gandhi Jayanthi. "

In connection with the celebration of the "Gandhi Jayanthi" day to day programmes of events were observed in several places in the State. ' Public meetings as noted in the annexure were held in the same connection, at which the speakers among other matters referred to the life and teachings of Mr. Gandhi. Hawking of Khadi, procession with the photo of Mr. Gandhi, enrolment of primary members to the congress and Harijan Welfare work were among the special features of the celebration of the "Jayanthi."

Messrs. T. Mariappa, Palahalli Sitharamia, P. Srinivasa Setty, T. Narasimhiengar, E.P. Nanjappa, M.R. Channabasappa and Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddi cleaned 2 roads in Kannegowdanakoppal at Mysore with the help of Municipal gangsmen during the observance of the "Gandhi Jayanthi."

Prabhat pheri was conducted in Mysore, Tumkur and a few other places.

Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, performed the opening ceremony of a Khadi Bazaar in Kolar on the 2nd instant. Mr. K. Pattabhiraman presided over a meeting that was held in this connection. Mr. Siddiah also performed the opening ceremony of the "Gandhi Sikshana Sala" at Srinivasapur on the 8th instant.

" Mr. T. Siddalingiah performed the opening ceremony of a Charka Sangha" at Kolar with Mr. T. Ramachar in the chair. Among other matters Mr. T. Siddalingiah criticised Mr. Amery's recent reply to American questioners and the policy of the "Head" of the Electrical Department in Mysore.

A similar function was performed at Mullahalli on the 7th instant, besides holding a public meeting.

" Mr. H.C. Dasappa performed the opening ceremony of a Charka Sangha" at Kolathur of Srinivasapur taluk on the 5th instant. Messrs. Bolo Subba Rao and B.L. Narayanasami participated in the function.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

The Secretary of the All India Trade Union Congress, Bombay, is understood to have sent a copy of their journal styled "Trade Union - a record" edited by Miss Shanta Bale Rao, to the Bangalore Textile Labour Union, requesting the latter to send all matters relating to the Labour movement in the State for publication in the journal.

Printed Tamil pamphlets under the signature of Ramalingam containing allegations against Anthony, P.R.K. Sharma and others, and appreciating the services of C.B. Monniah and others were got printed by one Lakshmana Modaliyar for distribution.

The Binny Mill enquiry is adjourned to the 16th instant. Statements of issues have been filed by both parties. Mr. Bhashyam appears to have since engaged Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar, Advocate, Madras, in connection with the above enquiry on behalf of the workers. His expenses are expected to be met out of the Labour Union Funds and subscriptions. Mr. Newgent Grant appears for Binny's Mills.

A few workers of Khoday Eswarsa Silk Throwing Factory, represented their grievances to Mr. Bhashyam on the 6th instant. A public meeting is expected to be held on their behalf shortly.

About 15 workers of the Anjaneya Weaving Factory are reported to have resumed work during the week. The Labour Commissioner is understood to have advised them to form their association and then put forth their grievances.

Shimoga District:

At a meeting of the workmen of the Mysore Iron & Steel Works, Bhadravathi, held on the 5th instant with N.D. Shankar as President, resolutions were passed approving the proposals of Mr. Ramachandra Setti that the work of the Union be carried on by a committee consisting of not less than 30 members and that two respectable gentlemen from outside be appointed to serve on the committee. They have also recorded that they do not want a Labour commissioner at Bhadravathi.

Kolar Gold Fields:

On 7-10-41 Tamil notices were issued by Mr. Ramalingam warning the labourers against the activities of Mr. K.C. Phillips who is alleged to be in league with Mr. T.L.A. Acharya and others.

K.C. Phillips has applied for the withdrawal of the order under section 17 of the Mysore Mining Act banning his entry into the Mining Area.

In a notification dated 9-10-41 the District Magistrate, Kolar, has extended the order under section 39 Mysore Police Act issued by him on 10-9-41 prohibiting the holding of public meetings in the Mining Area and within a radius of 5 miles for a further period

Messrs. T.L.A. Acharya, Ramji and other workers have been prevailing upon the workmen to get their Associations registered. The Labour Assistant Commissioner also visited the Oriental Lines and a few other places in the same connection. Lakshmana Modaliyar, Ramalingam, Doresami and some other congress-minded workmen are working against the former party.

PRESS.

Bangalore City:

Mr. M.N. Sitharamiah has published the first issue of his periodical "Pourawani" - " పౌరవాణి ", dated the 5th October 1941, which contains matters relating to the City Municipal administration. The book is printed at the Sri Devi Power Press.

Mr. N.N. Chandur, Editor of "Jyothi" has published the same on the 5th instant, after a lapse of 2 months over the previous issue. It is now printed at the Sri Devi Power Press and not at the Swatantra Karnataka Press.

Mandya District:

The first issue of "Udaya" was published on 3-10-41 by Mr. Srinivasa Rao of Mandya with the permission of the District Magistrate, Mandya.

DEENDARS.

Dasthagir, Dindar Samaj Hyderabad (Deccan) spoke on Hindu-Muslim Unity at Tumkur near the Market Square on the 7th instant. Earlier, on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd instant, he made similar speeches at Chickballapur.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES.

Lingiah, externee from Bangalore District is expected to meet the Labour Commissioner at Maddur.

PROSECUTIONS.

The Bangalore City Police have filed a charge-sheet under Section 98 read with rule 121 of the Defence of India Rules in the Court of the City Magistrate, Bangalore, against Messrs. H. Rajaram Rao, K.G. Parameswaran, K.R. Srinivasa Rao representing the firm of AMCO Factory. It is said that they ~~returned~~ entered into correspondence with Mr. M.A. Mangez, I Ter Rue Camille, Lille (Nord), France, a subject of enemy ~~country~~ country.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

Annexure to S.B.A. No.41/41 for week ending 11-10-41.)

Date & Place of meeting.	Names of speakers.
2-10-41 to 5-10-41. Bangalore City.	M/s. P.R. Ramaiya, N.C. Thimma Reddi, K.T. Bhashyam, H. Siddiah, K. Ramaswamy, M.N. Sitharamiah, K.P. Raman, K.N.R. Swami, Chowdappa, W.H. Hanumanthappa, K.R. Sridhar, Venkatesh & a few others.
2-10-41 & 7-10-41. Dodballapur.	T. Siddalingiah, Ramakrishnaiengar, & Sampadgiri Rao.K.
8-10-41 - Mandya.	Venkatakrishniah, Pasupathi Rao and M. Mahabala Rao.
2-10-41 to 8-10-41. Mysore . Under the auspices of:- City Congress Committee. City Municipal Congress Party. Khaddhar Society. Harijan Sevak Sangh Yuvajana Sangha & Hindi Prachar Sabha	H.C. Dasappa, M.A. Doreswami Iyengar, K. Hanumanthia, B. Narayanaswami, S. Nijalingappa, M.N. Jois, Rajaram Iyengar, Tagadur Ramachandra Rao, S.N. Appanna Iyengar, K. Seshadri, T. Mariappa, Chennigaramiah, K. Siddiah, T.C. Gowda, Deviah, K.Chengalraya Reddi, P.Sitharamiah, M.Venkatappa, B.Subbaraya Upadhyaya, E.P. Nanjappa, T. Narasimhaiengar, Veerappa, Ramalingachari, J. Swami Doss, T. Rajam Setty, M.N. Venkatappa, Devaraj Urs, Bhupalam Puttananjappa, Ramalal Thivari, Agaram Rangiah, T.S. Rajagopala Iyengar, Sundaresanachar, M.N. Sitharamiah, T. Ramachar (Student, Maharaja's College) A. Suryanarayana Pandit & Srimathi Sunandamma.
6-10-41 - Belur.	B.N. Boranna Gowda, K.C.Putte Gowda.
2-10-41 -Chickmagalur.	Hutche Gowda (Pr), C.V. Dhruva Rao, B.N. Boranna Gowda & K.Anantharamiah.
2-10-41 - Sagar.	K.G. Wodeyar (Pr), Matunga Rao Bapat, Belagodu Sivappa Gowda, Nyamathi Basavalingappa & Magadi Chennabasappa Gowda.
5-10-41 to 7-10-41. Shimoga.	Srinivasamurthi, H. Siddiah, S.R. Nagappa Setti, S.V. Krishnamurthi, K.R. Jayathirtha Char. Srimathis:Bellary Siddamma & 3 others)
2, 3 6 & 9-10-41. Tiptur, Yedigarahalli - Sampige, Theta & Tumkur.	N.C. Thimma Reddi, P.R. Ramaiya, Magadi Adirajaiah & other local congressmen. & Srimathi Bellary Siddamma.
2 to 8-10-41. Kolar, Vemagal, Mulbagal, Malur, Koladevi, Srinivaspur, Balathamari, Dodbommanahalli, Gulur.	T. Ramachar, T. Siddalingiah, Satya Pracharak Ramachandraji, H.C.Dasappa, M. Doreswami, M. Ramakrishnaiya, Sarvagnamurthi, K.P. Raman, Nayaraya Char, N.C. Thimma Reddi, B.L. Narayanaswami, Bolo Subba Rao, K.S. Subba Rao, Suryanarayana Joshi

(Speeches at Malur on 3-10-41 are reported to be vehement and impressive.)

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I have the honour to submit herewith for the information of Government, the Special Branch Abstract No.42/41, in triplicate, for the week ending Saturday, the 18th October 1941.

I have the honor to be,

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Your most obedient servant,

U. K. Somappa.

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH .....**District.**

For week ending ..... October 18, 1941.

The following matters should be reported on:—

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Special Branch Abstract for the week ending - Saturday, the 18th October 1941.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. C. Rajagopalachar, ex-premier of Madras, arrived in Bangalore on the 8th instant on private work and returned to Madras on the 13th. During an interview to Mr. K.T. Bhashyam on the 10th instant he is said to have refused to address any meeting or issue any statement at present.

Srimathi Anasuya Sara Ben, Sister of Nirmala Ben of Ahmedabad is reported to be staying with Mr. Shankarlal Banker at Bangalore.

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy who is assisting Messrs. C.M. Garudachar and S.K. Venkataranga Iyengar who are supplying Kadapa slabs to the Military is reported to have been fixed on a monthly salary of Rs.50/-. It is also learnt that a share in the profit has been promised to Mr. Thimma Reddy.

Kadur District:

Messrs. U. Srinivasa Molia, B. Upendra Shenoi and B. Raghunatha Shenoi, Political prisoners released from Yerrawada jail arrived at Chickmagalur on the 9th instant and left for Mangalore the same noon.

Kolar District:

K.M. Veerabhadrappa (from Hubli) a member of the A.I.C.C. and K.P.C.C. who is reported to be collecting funds for the Gokak Mills' strikers, visited Pathapalya on the 6th October, stayed with the local Congressite, Mr. Subbaraya Setti and left for Goribidanur the next day.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

Mr. Kariappa of Kankanhalli and a few others are reported to have given in writing a motion of "No confidence" against Mr. K. Hanumanthia at Mysore, during the Assembly Session, on the ground that he was assuming undue superiority in every sphere of congress activity. Mr. K. Changalraya Reddy, the leader of the Congress Party in the Assembly to whom this reference was addressed, appears to have pacified the parties.

As a sort of encouragement, a sum of Rs.12-8-0 from out the amount realised by the sale of Khadi during the Khadi Week, has been ordered to be paid to Mr. Mahadeva Sastry of Hoskote.

The Mysore Congress intend taking up one or two selected election cases in appeal before the High Court against the order of the Special Officer appointed by the Government. Only those cases rejected for not mentioning the correct date of birth in the election applications are likely to be taken up.

Mr. K. Hanumanthia who arrived from Mysore on the 10th instant consulted Mr. Bhashyam regarding the point of order raised by Mr. F.C. Devaraj Urs in the Assembly and returned to Mysore, conveying Mr. Bhashyam's views to Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy

Mysore District:

The proposal of Mr. C.D. Narayana Rao, (Congress) - Municipal Councillor, Chamarajanagar, to present a Civic address to Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress during his visit to the place, was disallowed at the Municipal meeting on the 11th instant under section 27 - proviso 3 of the Municipal Act. As a result, the five congress party members of the Municipality including Vice-President walked out of the hall and returned after 10 minutes.

Kadur District:

A meeting of the Spinners' Co-operative Society was held at Chickmagalur on the 10th instant with Mr. Hutche Gowda (Congress) in the chair when allotment of shares and other matters were discussed.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

" Gandhi Jayanthi. "

At the close of the "Week", Mr. K.T. Bhashyam distributed prizes on the 11th instant to the winners in the Khadi and Thakli spinning competitions held in Bangalore Congress Office on the 10th instant. The same day the labourers took the photo of Mr. Gandhi in procession through the principal streets of the City.

Public meetings and other allied functions in connection with the "Gandhi Jayanthi" took place at the places noted in the Annexure at which the speakers among other matters referred particularly to the greatness of Mr. Gandhi. Prabhatpheri was observed in Arasikere on the 9th instant. About Rs.500/- worth of Khadi is reported ro have been sold at Davangere, about Rs.2151/- at Tumkur and Rs.200/- at Kortagere.

A Charka Sangha was opened at Gudibanda on the 9th October by Mr. K. Sampangiramiah.

Messrs. Thimma Reddi and Venkatesh from Bangalore attended the Gandhi Jayanthi celebration and the poor feeding in Champion Reef, Kolar Gold Fields, on the 12th instant.

A public meeting was held at Mysore on the 15th instant with Mr. S. Nijalingappa as President and attended by about 100 persons. Messrs. S. Nijalingappa, B. Narayana Swamy, K. Hanumanthia, T. Mariappa, S. Ranga Ramiah, K. Chengalraya Reddi and Bhoopalam Puttananjappa dwelt upon the recent proceedings of the Representative Assembly and some of them criticised the policy of the Government in giving " 7 extensions" to Mr. Forbes and appointing him as Advisor to the Government in the Electrical Department. They also spoke on the evils that would result in having the Dewan as the President of the Assembly with particular reference to the rulings given by him in

in the recent proceedings. They further appealed for support of the Congress which would urge for elected Presidents to the Assembly and the City Municipality.

These matters, Mr. Reddi Said, are expected to be taken up at the next meeting of the Working Committee of the Mysore Congress.

(SOCIAL.)

Bangalore District:

Messrs. C. Hanumanthia, Clerk, Comptroller's Office, Bangalore, and Secretary of the "Adi Jambava Abhivriddhi Sangha and Muninarayanappa, Clerk, Office of the District Traffic Superintendent, Bangalore, spoke at a public meeting held at Channapatna on the 12th instant with Mr. Aryamurthi as President. Resolutions were passed and sent to Government requesting greater encouragement to the Adikarnataka Community.

Mysore District:

Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddy prisided over the Harijan Conference (attended by about 100 persons), held at Mysore on the 12th instant. Messrs. Deviah (R.A. Member), S. Nijalingappa, B. Narayanaswami, C.T. Hanumanthia of Tumkur, Chikkiah, student, B.A. Class and K. Seshadri spoke to the audience on the uplift of Harijans and other allied matters.

Chitaldrug District.

The Anniversary of the Davangere Mahila Seva Samaj was held on the 8th October at Davangere with Srimathi Jayadevi Bayi Ligade of Sollapur, as President.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam left for Madras on the 16th morning to meet Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar who had wired pleading inability to appear before the Binny's Mill labour Enquiry Officer. Mr. K. Shamaraja Iyengar who is appearing on behalf of the Binny's Mill workers for the present, recorded the statements of some of the workers. The list of witnesses prepared by Mr. Bhashyam is said to contain among others, the names of Sir Mirza M. Ismail, B.G. Appadorai Modaliyar and externees K.S. Kumaran and M.S. Rama Rao (Mr. Bhashyam since returned to Bangalore on the 18th instant). Messrs. Venkatesh and Puttashankarappa have collected subscriptions at 8 annas per individual from the Binny's Mill workers towards the expenses of the enquiry.

Mr. Bhashyam presided over a meeting of the Koday Eswarsa Silk Throwing Factory on the 14th instant. Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy also participated in the proceedings. A workers' Union was formed with Messrs. Gundenahalli Nanjappa - President, Nanjappa - Vice President, S.N. Gupta - Secretary, D. Chikkanna - Assistant Secretary, Hutchappa - Treasurer, Narasimhiah and some others including 3 female workers - members.

Mr. Bhashyam presided over another meeting of the workers of the Bangalore Chemical Co., Ltd., on the 15th instant. Venkatesh also participated in the proceed-

ings. A similar Association of the workers was formed with Messrs. M.K. Narayana Iyengar, Advocate and Municipal Councillor - President and K.B. Srinivasan - Secretary.

Mr. H.M.Subramanyam, President of the Government Porcelain Factory Workers' Union, addressed a gathering of about 40 workers on the 14th instant exhorting them to strengthen their Union and form a Volunteer Corps. The poor gathering appears to be due to the majority of the workers desiring to seek the help of Mr. K.T. Bhashyam in preference to Mr. Subramanyam.

About 14 workers of the AMCO Batteries were dismissed on the 15th instant. They are advised by Mr. Bhashyam to represent their grievances to the Labour Assistant Commissioner through their Union President, Mr. Changalaradhya.

Shimoga District:

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam and N.D. Shankar addressed a gathering of about 5 to 6 hundred labourers of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, at Bhadravathi on the 12th instant, advising them to urge for more privileges, particularly equal distribution of profits, equality of treatment, etc. The former also suggested that they should have an elected congressman as their leader. Mr. K.S. Ramachandra Setty also participated in the proceedings.

Kolar Gold Fields:

A.T. Lakshmana Modaliyar and P. Ramalingam are reported to have met some labourers at Bisanatham on the 12th October and advised them not to trust Mr. T.L.A. Acharya and Mr. Ramachandraji who are working against the congress. Printed notices were also issued by Mr. Ramalingam stating that some interested persons were trying to get back Mr. K.C. Phillips to Kolar Gold Fields with a view to deceiving the labourers and proclaim Messrs. Acharya and Ramachandraji as their leaders.

Shanmugam was found to be advising some workmen of Mysore Mine on 10-10-41 not to join the K.G.F. Labour party. As his activities were objectionable, the permission granted to him was cancelled and he was asked to quit the K.G.F. area within 24 hours.

K.C. Phillips has issued Tamil printed notices refuting the arguments put forth by Ramalingam and advising the Coolies not to be guided away by the false propaganda carried on by some congress-minded labourers, but to trust Mr. Sharma and co-operate with him.

On the 15th instant, Mrssrs. Ramachandraji, Venkatachalam, Krishnaswami, Seetharam, Ramachandran and a few others advised the labourers in the Henry Shaft Drama Hall to join the Union. The labourers were informed that Mr. Sharma was expected to visit K.G.F. in a week.

Some congress-minded workers, (Thangaraj, Appasami, Aseer and their followers) are also reported to be carrying on counter propaganda.

PRESS.

G.Narayana of Maddur taluk has got printed a booklet, under the caption "The Story of Sugar Cane", setting forth the alleged difficulties under which the ryots in the Irwin Canal Area are labouring.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore Dist:

On 12-10-41 a Sepoy of the Travancore Regiment stationed at the P.O.W. Camp, Jalahalli, is reported to have molested a Woddar woman near Doddabommasandra village of Bangalore taluk, as a result of which a riot ensued between the villagers and some sepoys of the Travancore Regiment. One Chickmuniappa who was seriously injured in the scuffle died in the ℄ Victoria Hospital on the 14th instant. Two cases - one under section 354 I.P.C. and another under Sections 147, 149, 324, 326, 304 & 440 I.P.C. are registered by the Bangalore Taluk Police.

Mandya District:

An affray took place between some villagers (Hindus) of Uppinakere and Govinahalli and some Mohammedens who were returning from "Urus" at Bluff on the 13th instant, on the Maddur - Malavalli Road, as a result of one of the Mohammedens having pulled out some sugar cane from a loaded cart. The Police prosecuted 13 of the persons concerned (6 Mohammedens and 7 Hindus) under section 160 I.P.C. and these were convicted.

MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNEES AND DEPORTEES.

Externee Lingiah is learnt to have interviewed the Labour Commissioner at Mysore along with Putta-Shankarappa in connection with the enquiry into his case and that he was asked by the Labour Commissioner to see him again when sent for. Earlier, Puttashankarappa and G.V. Challam, labour agitators, had left Bangalore for Mandya on the 12th instant to meet Lingiah in this connection. The former is reported to have returned to Bangalore on the 15th instant.

Mr. M.S. Rama Rao (Internee) detained in Shimoga Sub Jail was sent from Shimoga to Hassan District Lock-up on 9-10-41 and handed over at the latter place on 10-10-41.

VISITORS.

Mr. Satya Tilang of Nagpur and Mr. G.S. Paramarth of Madras, who belong to the Swayam Sevak Sangha of Nagpur, intend to open a branch in Bangalore. The object is said to be to regenerate Hinduism and to infuse into the Hindus a new spirit of Militarism. The former is reported to be staying with some students of the Indian Institute of Science in 18th Cross Road, Malleswaram, while the latter left for Madura on the 10th instant. The latter has been convicted under the Defence of India Rules at Madras for organising volunteers. (Sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.200/- in default 2 months R.I. by the Third Presidency Magistrate, Madras, on 1.9.41).

U.K. Somappa,
Superintendent of Police,
Special Branch in Mysore.

(Annexure to S.B.A.42/41 for W.E. 18th Oct. 1941).

Date & Place.	Speakers.
8, 9 & 10th Octr. 1941. Doddballapur.	Messrs. Venkatasami Naidu of Madras, K. Krishna Sharma, ex-Mayor of Madras, T. Siddalingiah & Sampadgiri Rao.
9-10-41. Mandya.	Venkatakrishniah, B.V. Krishnam, P. Venkatagiriappa, Satanur Visveswariah Sastry, and Nanjundiah.
8-10-41. Chamarajanagar.	Venkatasubba Setti, S. Rangaramiah, S. Nijalingappa, & Kumaraswamy.
9-10-41. Arsikere.	K. Panchakshariah & S.R. Mallappa.
9-10-41. Konanoor.	Local Congressmen.
9-10-41. Yellambalase, Kadur taluk.	Chandrasekhariah, Rudrappa & Panchakshariah of Arsikere.
8-10-41. Ajjampur, Kadur Dt.	S. Subramanya Setti, Tailor Siddappa, and Yerranna.
9-10-41. Maradihalli, Hiriyur Tk.	Govindareddi of Maradihalli, Seetharama Reddi and Narasimhiah.
9-10-41. Koratagere, Tumkur Dt.	Magadi Adirajiah.
9-10-41. Kolar, Byrcoor, Thatikal, Avani & Kumbasadamanahalli of Mulbagal taluk, & Chintamani.	K.R. Srinivasan, K. Sampangiramiah, T.S. Sampathkumaran, M. Ramakrishniah, K.Pattabhiraman, Ballam Puttanna, Tayaloor Gurappa, T. Ramachar, Satyapracharak Ramachandraji & Hussain Sab of Kolar.

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I have the honour to be,

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Special Branch in Mysore.

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MYSORE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Special Branch Report,

SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE .....**District.**

For week ending 25th October 1941

The following matters should be reported on:—

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S.B.A.No.43/41.

Special Branch Abstract for the week ending Saturday, the 25th October 1941.

PERSONNEL.

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.D. Savarkar, Bombay, brother of Mr. V.D. Savarkar, President of the All India Hindu Maha Sabha who was staying in Bangalore since the 5th October, for reasons of health, left for Poona on the 24th morning. Mr. S. Venkatapathia and other local leaders of the Hindu Maha Sabha interviewed Mr. Savarkar on the 19th instant at the Modern Hindu Hotel and apprised him of the conditions of the Hindus in the State. Mr. M.C. Mallappa, Congressman of Mysore also interviewed Mr. Savarkar before his departure from Bangalore.

Hassan District:

Mr. Narayana Rao Kalé, Editor, "Samyuktha Karnataka", Dharwar, visited Hassan on his way from Mysore and left the place on the 16th October.

Kolar Gold Fields:

Messrs. Thangavelu and Krishniah Setty are reported to have been selected President, and Secretary respectively of the Congress Office Branch expected to be opened in Kolar Gold Fields.

PROPAGANDA.

Bangalore City:

The next meeting of the A.M.C.C. is likely to be held during the second week of November 1941. The venue of the Session is under consideration.

Mr. K. Hanumanthia is reported to have written to the Congress Office to arrange for a public meeting in order to explain to the public the work turned out by the Congress Party members in the Representative Assembly.

Bangalore District:

Messrs. V. Venkatappa, K. Subba Rao, D. Venkatachalapathi Setty, D. Ramia, Gurukar Range Gowda, Venkataramane Gowda (Congressmen) and some others conferred at a meeting on the 19th instant in Kanakanahalli to concert measures for opening a High School at the place.

Mysore District:

On the evening of the 18th instant, Messrs. T. Mariappa, T.Narasimhiengar, Venkataramaniah and G. Janardhana Naidu (Congressmen) of Mysore, visited Kannegowdanakoppal, in Mysore, and cleaned a couple of roads with the help of the Municipal gangmen.

On the 19th, Messrs. T. Mariappa, S. Rangaramiah, H.C. Dasappa, S. Channiah and a few other Congressmen of Mysore drew up the tour programme of Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, in the Mysore District during the next month. The Congress Party

members of the City Municipal Council have drafted a resolution to present a Civic Address to Mr. H. Siddiah.

Kadur District:

The Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, is expected to inaugurate the Spinners' Co-operative Society, Chickmagalur, on the 1st proximo.

CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In connection with the celebration of the "Gandhi Jayanthi", the residents of Dobspet, High Grounds limits, convened a public meeting on the 17th October with Mr. Swami Nichela Prakasham as President. Messrs. R.R. Keithan, T.V. Changalraya Modaliyar of St.Joseph's College and H.S. Narasiah, Municipal Councillor, C & M Station, Bangalore, participated in the proceedings.

With Mr. K. Pattabhiraman as President, a public meeting was held at Kolar on the 21st instant under the auspices of the Town Municipal Congress Party. The marginally noted persons participated in the proceedings. A resolution urging reconsideration of the levy of Education Cess was unanimously passed. (Gathering about 100 persons).

*Messrs. G.R.Srinivasa Rao, K.N. Srinivasan, B.V. Kodandarama Setty, M. Doreswami, Gupta, Balakrishniah setty, Valeswara Sarma, B.M. Venugopala Setty, Vasudeva Sastry and the President.

LABOUR AGITATION.

Bangalore City:

Mr. N.C. Thimma Reddy intends to resign from the Presidentship of the Association of Binny's Mills in order to become the President of the proposed Federation of the Labour Associations in the State.

Mr. K.T. Bhashyam is learnt to have taken about Rs.150/- to Madras from the Labour Union Funds for being handed over to Mr. V.V. Srinivasa Iyengar who had agreed to appear on behalf of the Binny's Mill workers. They intended to pay him at least Rs.100/- a day, out of the funds they collected. Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar appeared before the Enquiry Officer on the 22nd instant and left for Coimbatore. Mr. S.K. Venkataranga Iyengar has now taken his place and is leading the evidence on behalf of the workers. Mr. Nugent Grant represents the Mills. Enquiry is proceeding.

The name of Mr. Shankarlal Banker, President of the All India Spinners' Association, appears to have been also included in the list of witnesses furnished by the workers.

All the workers of the Sri Rama Silk Throwing Factory who had been given compulsory leave by the Management have now been taken to work as promised to Mr.C.N. Narasinga Rao, President of their Association.

The workers of the Sri Rama Weaving Shed, Shankarpuram, belonging to Mr. P. Subbarama Setty visited the Textile Labour Union Office on the 20th instant with a view to form an Association of their own. At a public meeting held on the 23rd instant with Mr. K.T. Bhashyam

as President, an Association was formed with Messrs. M.A. Gopalaswamy Iyengar - President, C. Ponnuswamy - Vice-President, Sridhara Murthi - Secretary, Kesaviah - Treasurer and 13 others - members. Mr. Venkatesh, ~~xx~~ labour agitator also participated in the proceedings.

Mandya District:

The cartmen transporting Sugar cane to the Sugar Factory at Mandya, about 2 to 3 hundred, who struck weighment on the 21st evening on account of some alleged injustice and hardships connected with the weighment, agreed to resume weighment on the 22nd noon, after an assurance held out by the Management that their grievances would be redressed. Mr. B.V. Krishnan (Congressman) and Mr. Deviah, Municipal Councillor approached the Management on the 22nd on behalf of the ryots.

Mysore District:

About 600 workers of the Sri Krishnarajendra Mills came in a procession to the Town Hall at Mysore on the 21st instant and attended a public meeting held at the place with Mr. T. Mariappa as President. Messrs. H.C. Dasappa, T. Mariappa, M.N. Jois, B. Narayana Swami, Krishnan (worker Krishnarajendra Mills) and P. Sitharamiah and Srimathi Sunandamma, among other matters, explained the implications of the New Labour Act, with particular reference to the restrictions imposed on non-official members and the formation of a Federal Union. The workers were exhorted to join the Congress to achieve their objects and Responsible Government. Four resolutions were adopted and the important one related to the condemning of the order of Government which prohibited the election of non-officials as members in Factories managed by Government.

Mr.A. Krishna Murthi, Secretary of the Association announced that within a short space of time, about 1666 workers had joined the Union and that they should work under the guidance of the distinguished ~~x~~ congress leaders.

Speeches are reported to have been effective. (Gathering 1000.)

Shimoga District:

A condolence meeting of labourers was held at Bhadravathi on the 19th instant with Mr. Seshagiri Sastry as President. Messrs. Jayarama Rao, Ramachandra Setty, N.D. Shankar and the President expressed regret at the death of Chinnappa, a worker in the Paper Mills due to an accident. They expressed that due to want of proper care on the part of the officers, the workman died and that the officers attempted to hush ~~kkx~~ up the truth.

The meeting adopted a condolence resolution also requesting the Government to take steps to prevent similar accidents in future.

Kolar Gold Fields:

Secret meetings are being held by the Congress-minded workers, Mr. Thangavelu and Party, who are carrying on counter propaganda against Messrs. P.R.K. Sharma, T.L.A. Acharya and their followers. Messrs. -

Messrs. Seetharama Naidu, Krishnaswami, D. Doreswami, A.B. Abraham and others of the latter party have been telling the workers not to be led away by the sweet words of the congress leaders but to join the Union.

Venkatesh of Upper Line was served with a notice under section 17 Mysore Mining Act on 17-10-41 on account of his subversive activities. He left the place for Kuppam the same evening and has since issued printed notices in Tamil criticising the notice issued to him.

Mr. K. Changalraya Reddy who visited Kolar Gold Fields had a long talk with Natesh Modaliyar, Thangavelu and Krishniah Setty besides other congress-minded workers.

Mr. K.C. Phillips is reported to be shifting himself to Budugur from Kuppam with the Union Head Office. Mr. T.L.A. Acharya is staying in Kolar Gold Ø Fields.

RELIGIOUS.

Chitaldrug District:

The Ramzan festival at Harihar passed off smoothly. Mr. Abdul Rashid while addressing his party of Muslims after prayers, expressed that they should not attend the New Mosque. But, Mr. Abdul Rubb and his party are offering prayers at the New Mosque.

PRESS.

Mr. V.N. Vincent De Paul, formerly Editor of "The Champion Solver," which has since ceased publication as per orders of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, is learnt to be helping the Proprietor of the Corporation Press, Manavarthpet, in publishing a journal styled "Champion Wizard" devoted to Cross-word Competitions.

PROSCRIBED LITERATURE.

The Government in their notification No.P.1586/ Law 44-41-2 dated the 22nd October, have proscribed under sub-rule (1) (c) of Rule 40 of the Defence of India Rules, a pamphlet in Kannada styled "ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರ ಕರೆಯು" (The Workers' Call) written by N. Vishkanta Rao of Mysore.

A copy of the proscribed pamphlet "Mysore Congress Ithihasa Lavani" has since been seized from one Kariyappa of Nyamathi in Shimoga District.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Bangalore City:

It is reported that one Jayaraj, aged about 13 years, son of one Sadhu, care of Methodist Mission, Bangalore City, while going near the United Mission School, was accosted by a well-dressed man wearing a Fez who was driving a Saloon car. The driver picked up the boy and put him in the car which he then drove through the City to the Railway Station. Here, the boy managed to escape while the driver's attention was otherwise

engaged. A case under section 36ZI.P.C. has been registered by the Bangalore City Police and is being investigated.

Mr. C. Rajagopala Char, ex-Premier, Madras, is reported to have pleaded inability for want of time, to attend the celebration of the Anniversary debate of the University Union, Bangalore. The Union students appear to have wired to him to intimate the convenient day for him to be present so that they could fix up the function accordingly.

PROHIBITORY ORDERS.

Kadur District:

Owing to a dispute among the Muslims of Chickmagalur regarding the recital of prayers during Ramzan by the two Desh Imams representing respectively Jamia and Khizria mosques, the Amildar-Magistrate, Chickmagalur, has promulgated an order under section 144 Cr.P.C. prohibiting their congregation at the Kempanahalli Edgah near Chickmagalur for one week from the 21st October.

DEPORTATION ORDERS.

With reference to the orders of the Government of Sind deporting Srikant Kanthia, a resident of Sravanbelagola, from Karachi (Vide S.B.A. 33/41 - Page 206), it is since reported that the orders of Deportation were not enforced against him as he gave an undertaking that he shall not act in a manner prejudicial to the defence of British India or the efficient prosecution of the War, Etc.

PROSECUTIONS.

Bangalore District:

The case against Beluriah of Kankanahalli who was proceeded against under section 107 Cr.P.C. has since been recommended to be withdrawn. This individual had been arrested on account of his subversive activities during the "Kamadahana" festival at Kankanahalli (Vide S.B.A. 11/41 - Page 71 & 12/41 - Page 77.)

Mr. T.S. Subbanna, Congressman, Mysore, who was proceeded against under section 107 Cr.P.C. (Vide S.B.A.52/40 - page 458), was ordered by the II City Magistrate, Mysore, on 22-10-41 (Crl. Mis. Case No.14/40-41) to furnish a personal bond for Rs.250/- and two sureties for a like sum to keep peace for one year. After furnishing the required sureties, he was let on bail.

U.K. SOMAPPA,

Bangalore,)
D:27-10-41.) SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
SPECIAL BRANCH IN MYSORE.

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I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 12th July 1941.

Major A. E. H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

No. S-65/CS.12-41-
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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 9th August 1941.

Major A. E. H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

No.42/CB.15-40

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CONFIDENTIAL.

3rd July 41

My Dear MacAnn,

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 28th June 1941.

Major A.E.H. MacAnn,
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2nd July 41

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

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9th July

My dear Macann.

I am desired to forward herewith a weekly report relating to the political events in the State for the week ending Saturday the 5th July 1941.

Major A. E. H. Macann,
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9th July

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9th September

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30th July

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Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

No. 479/CB 12-41-

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Major A. E. H. Macann,
Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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5th August

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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16th September

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
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19th August

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
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27th August

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Sir Charles Todhunter

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James Sykes.

Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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3rd October 41

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Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
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17th October 41.

Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 11th October 1941.

Yours

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Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. 150 S/CB 12-41

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22nd October 41

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Dear Sir Charles Todhunter,

I am desired to forward herewith a copy of the consolidated abstract of reports relating to the political and other activities in the State received from the several Districts for the week ending Saturday the 18th October 1941.

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Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja.